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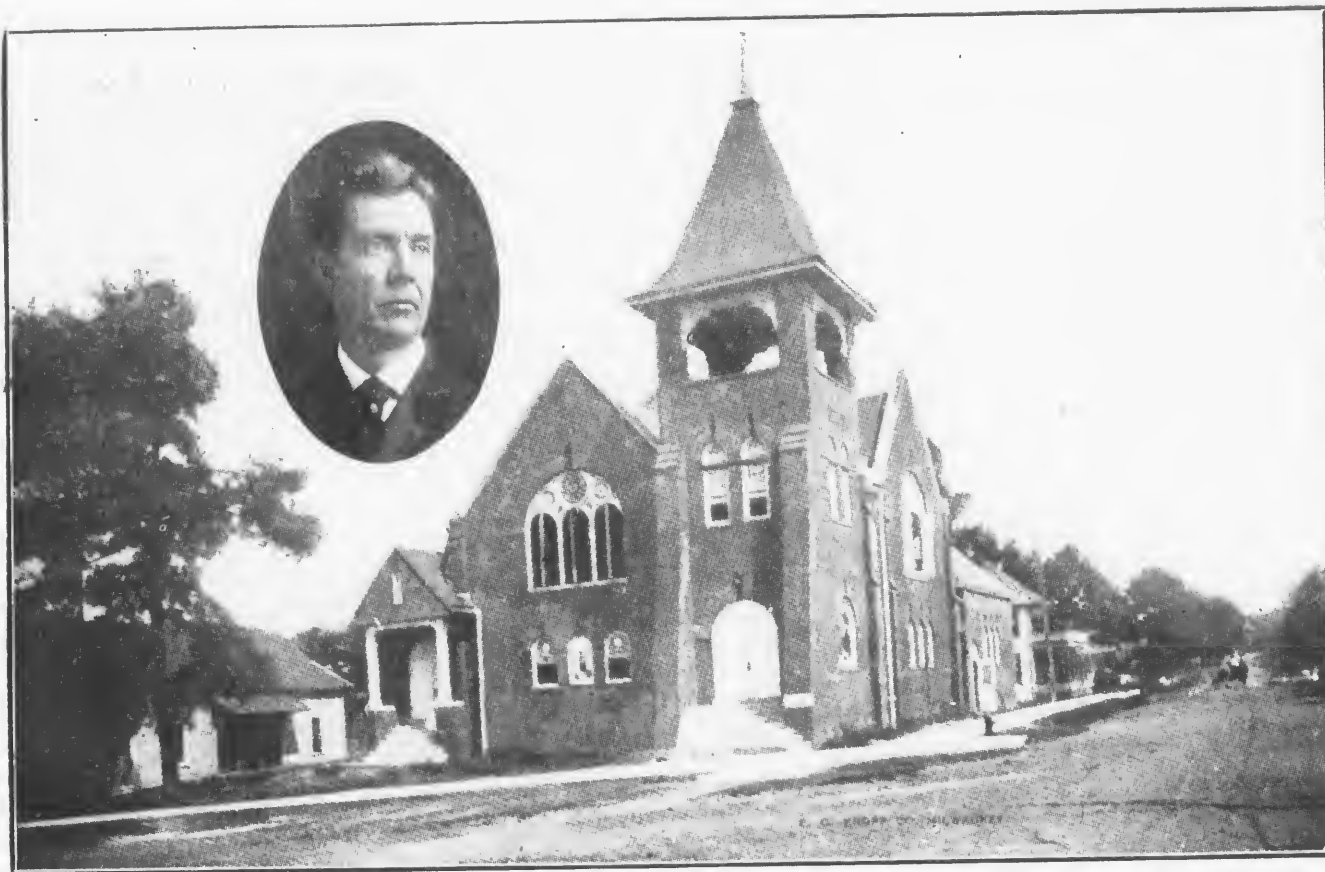
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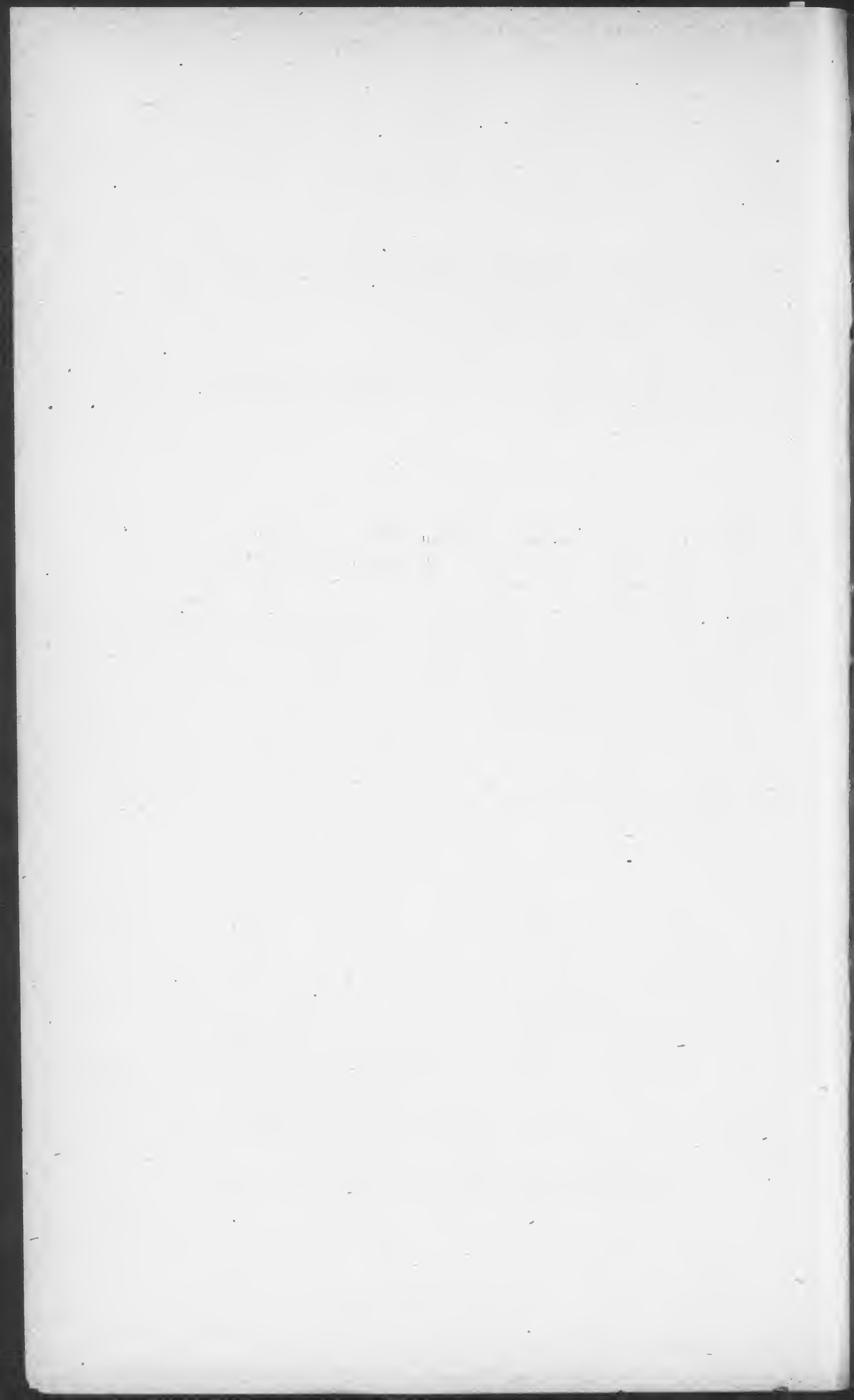


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# Conference Journal.

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## JOURNAL OF THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1907.

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The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its sixty-second session Wednesday, December 4th, 1907, at 9 a. m., in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ruston, Louisiana, Bishop Seth Ward in the chair.

The Bishop conducted the opening devotional service, which consisted of singing Hymn 560—"And Are We Yet Alive!"—the Apostle's Creed, prayer, the reading and exposition of a part of the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, singing Hymn 191—"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"—and prayer led by Rev. F. R. Hill.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the preceding Conference, and the following members and lay delegates responded to their names:

**Clerical.**—T. J. Upton, J. F. Wynn, H. O. White, C. W. Carter, R. A. Davis, J. M. Brown, George Jackson, R. S. Isbell, J. D. Harper, T. S. Randle, J. T. Sawyer, J. A. Parker, J. F. Patterson, S. S. Keener, R. J. Harp, S. J. Davies, D. C. Barr, H. J. Boltz, J. O. Bennett, F. N. Parker, J. I. Hoffpauir, H. S. Johns, H. W. May, F. S. Parker, W. F. Henderson, J. E. Denson, W. J. Porter, J. B. Williams, J. H. Brown, J. F. Foster, J. J. Kelley, C. F. Staples, William Schuhle, W. W. Drake, J. M. Henry, B. T. Crews, B. H. Sheppard, R. W. Tucker, P. M. Brown, R. H. Wynn, W. H. Benton, C. C. Miller, R. W. Vaughan, W. H. Hatfield, A. W. Turner, A. S. J. Neill, C. C. Weir, P. O. Lowrey, H. B. Thomasson, K. W. Dodson, F. N. Sweeney, J. R. Moore, A. J. Coburn, G. D. Purcell, M. Hebert, W. R. Harvell, Briscoe Carter, C. D. Atkinson, W. G. Roberts, H. N. Brown, J. G. Sloane, T. J. Warlick, E. K. Means, H. W. Bowman, N. E. Joyner, J. F. Waltman, E. L. Cargill, W. D. Kleinschmidt, J. M. Weems, A. C. Holder, J. E. Wray, T. M. Wafer, L. N. Hoffpauir, S. D. Howard, H. B. Carre, S. L. Riggs, W. H. Coleman, J. D. Nesom, S. J. Davis, P. H. Fontaine, H. Whitehead, A. H. Parker, J. S. Rutledge, F. M. Freeman, Felix R. Hill, J. A. Rice, H. R. Singleton, A. G. Shankle, A. F. Vaughan, L. A. Humphries, W. Wooton, A. S. Lutz, H. T. Carley, A. A. Bernard, J. W. Hively, M. C. Holt, A. I. Townsley, H. N. Harrison, J. W. Booth, E. P. Craddock.

**On Trial.**—T. J. Holladay, S. W. B. Colvin, R. H. Harper, T. M. Burgess, J. E. Craig, W. L. Doss, Jr., J. W. Harper, John Sholars, J. S. Purcell, G. L. Harper.

**Lay Delegates.**—Arcadia District—C. A. Battle. New Orleans District—W. B. Thomson. Shreveport District—S. H. Porter.



Fitzgerald Sale Parker was elected Secretary, and, on nomination of the Secretary, the following staff of assistants were chosen: R. H. Wynn, Assistant Secretary; H. Whitehead, Statistical Secretary; R. W. Vaughan, J. G. Sloane, and T. M. Buley, Assistants to the Statistical Secretary; John F. Foster, Railroad Secretary.

On motion of A. G. Shankle, the hour of meeting was fixed at 9 a. m., and that of adjournment at 12:30 p. m.

On motion of R. H. Wynn, the bar of the Conference was defined by the bounds of the main auditorium.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference:

Rev. J. R. Stewart, Secretary of the Superannuates Endowment Fund; Rev. J. R. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Missions for the Home Department; Rev. W. C. Everett, Manager of the Dallas Branch of the Publishing House; W. Wooton, Transferred from the Texas Conference; Rev. A. G. Shankle, Transferred from the North Georgia Conference; W. L. Weber, President of Centenary College.

J. R. Stewart addressed the Conference in the interest of the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

The Committee on Nominations, composed of the Presiding Elders, reported, through J. M. Henry, the following nominations of the annual committees, which were confirmed by the Conference:

Church Publications—R. H. Wynn, N. E. Joyner, H. W. Bowman, J. E. Wray, A. S. J. Neill, J. L. P. Sheppard, W. W. Drake.

District Conference Records—C. D. Atkinson, R. T. McClendon, R. J. Anderson.

Sabbath Observance—W. Wooton, P. O. Lowrey, E. K. Means.

Public Worship—Briscoe Carter, A. G. Shankle.

Memoirs—S. J. Davies, John A. Miller, J. L. Lay, H. O. White.

Temperance—R. W. Vaughan, R. O. Weir, J. J. Kelley.

Conference Relations—P. M. Brown, J. B. Williams, C. W. Carter, J. W. Lee, C. D. Atkinson, W. H. Hatfield, K. W. Dodson.

Communications from the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary of the Epworth League Board, Bishop Cottrell of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the Director of the Correspondence School, and the Publishing Agents, were received, and, on motion, were referred without reading to the appropriate Boards and Committees.

A telegram from O. B. Staples, President of Hargrove College, Muscogee, Indian Territory, was read, requesting prayer for his wife, who was lying very ill.

The Conference was moved to prayer in her behalf, led by F. N. Parker.

P. O. Lowrey offered a resolution relative to a joint institute to be held under the several Conference Boards.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

**Question 20.**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was taken up.

The names of John T. Sawyer, Briscoe Carter, R. W. Tucker, J. M. Henry, J. E. Denson, and F. N. Parker were called, and their characters were passed.

The name of T. J. Warlick was called. P. O. Lowrey made a complaint against him on the ground of his teaching a doctrine of sanctification contrary to the Doctrinal Standards.

T. J. Warlick made a statement in reply, and withdrew from the room.

On motion of S. S. Keener, his character was passed by a unanimous vote.

The names of George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Johnston, J. F. Wynn, F. G. Hocutt, M. G. Jenkins, J. A. Miller, T. J. Upton, N. S. Cornell, S. H. Whatley and J. L. P. Sheppard were called, their characters passed, and their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation

The names of T. H. McClendon, J. M. Franklin, T. K. Fauntleroy, C. T. Munholland and R. C. Grace were called, and it was reported that they had died during the year. Their names were referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The names of W. J. Porter and J. H. Brown were called, their characters were passed, and, no motion being made in their cases, they became effective.

The names of E. N. Evans, J. R. Roy and John C. Sligh were called, their characters were passed, and, on motion, their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The following resolution, offered by J. T. Sawyer, was adopted:

Whereas, The Legal Conference has no revenue of its own, and several of the insurance companies in which the Centenary College buildings were insured declined to insure any longer, and others taking their place, made it necessary to pay out an extra amount from funds in hand, therefore the Board of Education is hereby instructed to pay the sum of forty-six dollars and fifteen cents (\$46.15) to the Legal Conference out of the educational funds in its hands.

JOHN T. SAWYER,  
F. N. PARKER.

The following resolution, offered by P. M. Brown, was adopted:

Whereas, The reports of the Conference Boards of Missions, Education, Church Extension, Sunday Schools and Epworth League Boards treat of matters of vital importance to the Conference, and,

Whereas, These reports are often presented to the Conference too late in its session for the consideration they merit, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the reception and consideration of these reports be made the order of the day for Saturday, December 7, at 10 a. m., and that, if necessary, an afternoon session be held that day to permit the consideration of these reports.

W. F. HENDERSON,  
P. M. BROWN,  
P. O. LOWREY.

**Question 2**—Who remain on trial?—was called.

The names of Thomas Duncan Lipscomb, William L. Doss, Jr., John W. Harper, John Sholars and James S. Purcell were called, their characters were passed, and the Committee on Examination reporting favorably, they were continued on trial and were advanced to the class of the second year.

The name of John Andrew McCormick was called, his character was passed, and not having appeared before the Committee of Examination, he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

The name of James Edwin Craig was called, his character was passed, and the Committee of Examination reporting that he had not passed the examination on the entire course for the first year, he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

**Question 3**—Who are discontinued?—was called.

The name of George L. Harper was called, and, on motion, he was discontinued.

**Question 6**—Who are received by transfer from other conferences?—was called.

The Bishop announced the transfer of R. S. Collier from the West Texas Conference, and John P. McDonald from the St. Louis Conference.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of John F. Foster, J. M. Brown, W. T. Woodward, J. B. Williams, W. F. Henderson, S. J. Davis, H. W. Bowman, W. Wooton, R. Randle, and R. H. Wynn, were called and their characters passed.

L. A. Humphries, received last year by transfer from the Northwest Mexico Mission Conference, and R. S. Collier, transferred from the West Texas Conference, were introduced.

On motion of R. H. Wynn, the name of W. W. Drake was given precedence over his own, and the name of Felix R. Hill was substituted for that of J. L. P. Sheppard on the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

On motion of C. D. Atkinson, A. S. Lutz was placed on the Committee on District Conference Records instead of R. J. Anderson.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned by rule, after singing the Doxology and receiving the Benediction.

## SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Conference convened according to rule at 9 a. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Professor Thomas Carter, and consisted of singing Hymn 547—"Children of the Heavenly King"—reading and exposition of the third chapter of Colossians, and prayer.

The roll was called and the following who were not present at yesterday's roll call answered to their names:

**Clerical**—Robert Randle, J. P. Haney, Thomas Carter, W. T. Woodward, W. E. Boggs, H. G. Davis, L. C. Wilson, R. O. Wier, W. W. Holmes.

**On Trial**—M. H. Honeycutt, H. G. Roberts, J. B. Fulton.

**Lay Delegates**—Alexandria District—John M. Watson. Arcadia District—J. M. Miller. Baton Rouge District—I. D. Wall, J. R. Able. Crowley District—A. M. Mayo. New Orleans District—W. W. Carre. Shreveport District—A. F. Jackson.

Dr. R. Roberts, lay alternate from the Arcadia District, was substituted for E. J. Nelson, and marked present. H. C. Murphy, lay alternate from the Shreveport District, was substituted for T. W. Vaughan, and marked present.

The journal of the previous day's session was read, corrected and approved.

On motion, S. S. Keener was placed on the Committee on Memoirs instead of John A. Miller, and W. L. Weber was placed on the Epworth League Board instead of R. F. Harrell.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of A. G. Shankle, R. A. Holloway and J. R. Moore were called and their characters passed.

R. S. Collier, received by transfer from the West Texas Conference, made a statement and requested that a supernumerary relation be granted him. On motion, his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

**Question 8**—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?—was called.

The names of Thomas Jefferson Holladay, Samuel William Burrowe Colvin, Jesse Ben Fulton, Robert Henry Harper and Thomas Milton Burgess were called, their characters were passed, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, they were elected to Deacon's orders and advanced to the class of the third year.

The name of H. G. Roberts, already a deacon, was called, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, he was advanced to the class of the third year.

The names of A. H. Parker and S. D. Howard were called. Being already in Elder's orders, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, they were advanced to the class of the third year.

The names of M. H. Honeycutt and O. J. Rainey were called. Having been under appointment as students at Millsaps College, they were continued on trial in the class of the second year.

The name of J. W. Reed, already in Deacon's orders, was called. Not having been before the Committee of Examination, on account of his absence as missionary in Korea, he was continued on trial in the class of the second year.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was called.

The name of W. E. Boggs was called and his character was passed. He made his report as Commissioner of Education and Conference Secretary of Education, and addressed the Conference.

On motion of S. J. Davies, the thanks of the Conference were tendered Brother Boggs for his great and valuable service to the cause of Education in Louisiana.

**Question 10**—What local preachers are elected deacons?—was called.

Thomas Duncan Lipscomb, recommended by the Baton Rouge District Conference, having been a local preacher three years, and on trial in the Conference one year, was elected to deacon's orders.

**Question 14**—What local preachers are elected to elders orders?—was called.

Answer: None.

**Question 1**—Who are admitted on trial?—was called.

Joseph Barney Turner, Cylde Vernon Breithaupt, Franklin J. McCoy, Henry Wade Cudd, William J. Elliott and Louis Holley Courtney, all recommended by the Alexandria District Conference; Linus A. Sims and Charles Alexander Battle, both recommended by the Nashville District Conference of the Tennessee Annual Conference, their recommendation being presented through the Presiding Elder of the Arcadia District; William J. Newsom and Roland Ralph Orne, both recommended by the Baton Rouge District Conference; Claude Frederick Sheppard, recommended by the Monroe District Conference; John W. Tinnin, recommended by the New Orleans District Conference; Charles M. Morris and Francis Roland Power, recommended by the Shreveport District Conference; all having been approved by the Committee on Admissions, and the Committee on Examination reporting favorably, were admitted on trial.

J. R. Nelson, Secretary of the Home Department of the Board of Missions, addressed the Conference on the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

On motion, the time was extended to allow Brother Nelson to finish his address.

The following substitutions were made: J. M. Henry was put on the Board of Missions in place of J. C. Sligh. R. Roberts was put in place of W. P. Theus and I. D. Wall in place of W. T. Holland on the Joint Board of Finance. J. J. Johnston was put in place of W. R. Baker on the Joint Board of Finance.

After announcements had been made, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction received, and Conference adjourned according to rule.

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### THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

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Conference convened, according to rule, at 9 a. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Wray, and consisted of singing Hymn 334—"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"—prayer, and the reading and exposition of Hebrews xi, and singing Hymn 492.

By consent, the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

The minutes of the preceding day's session were read and approved.

A communication from the Alabama Conference relative to the organization of a Preacher's Institute at the Seashore Camp Grounds was received, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Education.

Rev. George D. Parker, Missionary to Brazil, and a former member of the Louisiana Conference, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. H. H. Watson, Rev. T. P. Clark, Rev. F. P. Doak and Rev. W. C. Tooms, of the Little Rock Conference, and Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for Louisiana, and President Olin S. Dean, of Mansfield College, were introduced.

P. O. Lowrey presented the following resolution, which was passed:

Be it resolved, That H. B. Carre, P. M. Brown, N. E. Joyner, and W. W. Drake, as representatives of the several Boards interested, be hereby appointed a special committee to confer and report back to the Conference on the advisability of arranging joint institutes for the Conference for the year 1908.

P. O. LOWREY.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Education was presented by R. H. Wynn, and, on motion, was adopted as follows:



The Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference begs leave to submit Report No. 1 as follows:

In view of a deficit in the salary of Rev. W. E. Boggs, Commissioner of Education, the Board appropriates the amount of \$717 to cover said deficit.

R. H. WYNN, President.

**Question 12**—What traveling preachers are elected elders?—was called.

The names of Andrew Jackson Coburn, Joseph Sadler Rutledge, William Walter Holmes, John Dunn Nesom and Lee Ausgood Humphries were called, their characters were passed, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, they were elected to elder's orders.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of J. F. Waltman and L. H. Hoffpauir, already in Elders orders, in the class of the fourth year, were called, their characters were passed, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, they were graduated in the Course of Study.

The name of A. Floyd Vaughan, already in Elders orders, in the class of the third year, was called, his character passed, and, the Committees of Examination in both the third and fourth years reporting that he had passed an approved examination before them, he was graduated in the Course of Study.

The name of W. L. Hunter, elected to deacon's orders last year, but not ordained, was called, his character was passed, and he was continued in the class of the third year.

The names of F. M. Freeman, A. A. Bernard, M. C. Holt, J. W. Booth, A. I. Townsley, H. N. Harrison, A. R. Hoffpauir and G. W. Hiveley, were called, their characters were passed, and, the Committee of Examination reporting favorably, they were advanced to the class of the fourth year, as deacons of one year.

The names of J. L. Sutton and T. M. Wafer were called and their character passed. Not having been before the Committee of Examination, J. L. Sutton was continued in the class of the third year and Tatum M. Wafer in the class of the fourth year, as deacons of one year.

The name of L. I. McCain was called, and it was announced that he had been transferred to the New Mexico Conference in the class of the third year, as a deacon of one year.

The prayers of the Conference were asked in behalf of the wife of A. R. Hoffpauir, who was ill, and S. H. Whatley, from whom a telegram was received asking for prayer in affliction.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of H. R. Singleton, R. O. Wier, H. B. Thomason, H. O. White, A. C. Holder, J. A. Parker, P. M. Brown and C. C. Wier were called, and their characters were passed.

**Question 16**—Who are located this year?—was called.

W. E. Akin was located at his own request, presented in writing.

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, President of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Professor Sherrard, President of the Homer College of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

A collection amounting to \$75.05 was taken and presented to Professor Sherrard for his work.

**Question 4**—Who are received into full connection?—was called.

H. G. Roberts, Thomas Jefferson Holladay, Samuel William Burrowe Colvin, Jesse Ben Fulton, Robert Henry Harper, Thomas Milton Burgess, presented themselves at the chancel and were addressed by the Bishop, who propounded to them the Disciplinary questions. Satisfactory answers having been given, they were elected one by one and admitted into full connection.

On motion of Briscoe Carter, the name of J. H. Brown was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation.

P. O. Lowrey presented a resolution providing for the formation of an interdenominational committee of ministers and laymen for the State of Louisiana.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

J. O. Bennett made a statement concerning the credentials of Dennis Fordham, a local preacher, received by the Arcadia District Conference in 1904.

**Question 17**—Who are supernumerary?—was called.

The committee on Conference Relations reported recommending that E. N. Evans, J. R. Roy and J. C. Sligh, be granted a supernumerary relation. The report was adopted.

**Question 18**—Who are superannuated?—was called.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, recommending that George Jackson, J. M. Johnston, F. G. Hocutt, M. G. Jenkins, T. J. Upton, R. S. Trippet, J. F. Wynn, J. A. Miller, J. L. P. Sheppard, N. S. Cornell and S. H. Whatley be granted superannuate relations. The report was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by H. B. Carre, was adopted:

Whereas, The New Testament enjoins upon us the care of those in prison, and

Whereas, Mr. Wesley and his co-laborers are examples to us in following the command of our Saviour, and

Whereas, The results of Christian work among prisoners in our day fully justify every effort put forth in behalf of their moral and spiritual uplift; therefore, be it



Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, which shall be known as the Committee on Prison Work and Reform, whose duty it shall be, first, to seek to establish through our pastors, who may be located at the parish seats, permanent work among the prisoners in the parish jails; second, to further, as far as possible, the work of the Penitentiary Chaplain; and, third, to identify our Conference more fully with all branches of reform work.

H. B. CARRE,  
A. A. BERNARD,  
F. N. PARKER,  
J. A. RICE,  
JOHN L. SUTTON,  
C. W. CARTER.

C. O. Chalmers, Publisher of the "New Orleans Christian Advocate," was introduced.

After singing the doxology and receiving the benediction, Conference adjourned according to rule.

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#### FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.

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Conference met, according to rule, at 9 a. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. W. Tucker, and consisted of singing Hymn 388—"A Charge to Keep I Have"—prayer, the reading of Mark vi., and remarks upon the words from the lesson, "Be of good cheer."

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

F. N. Parker moved that the resolution fixing the order of the day for ten o'clock be reconsidered. The motion prevailed.

The resolution being before the house for consideration, it was withdrawn by the originator, P. M. Brown.

A resolution was presented by the Legal Conference providing for the appointment of a Committee to sell the Bynum Plantation.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table prevailed.

A. M. Mayo presented the report of the Auditing Board, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA  
CONFERENCE.

## Receipts.

Receipts from all sources ..... \$24,567.45

## Disbursements.

Foreign Missions .....	\$5,981.10	
Domestic Missions .....	5,564.00	
Special for Missions .....	12.40	
	<hr/>	\$11,557.50
Bishops .....	1,072.00	
Conference Claimants .....	5,636.00	
Conference Minutes .....	296.10	
Superannuates Endowment Fund, Louisiana Conference .....	37.00	
Superannuates Endowment Fund (General) .....	12.50	
	<hr/>	7,053.60
Church Extension .....		2,037.00
Education, Conference .....	2,744.25	
Education Extension .....	318.00	
	<hr/>	3,062.25
Children's Day .....	440.95	
American Bible Society .....	259.40	
Orphanage .....	37.00	
Crowley District Parsonage .....	5.00	
Shreveport District Parsonage .....	114.75	
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	<hr/>	\$24,567.45

A. M. MAYO,  
J. G. SLOANE,  
W. R. HARVELL.

A. M. Mayo presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Laymen's Movement has been organized in the Louisiana Conference, and

Whereas, We deem it one of the most important and far-reaching movements that has been instituted by Methodism; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we earnestly request and pray that the Conference endorse this movement, and urge the Presiding Elders and Pastors to co-operate with us in promoting this movement, and see that competent men are selected at the first quarterly conference to act as leaders in each charge, so that the organization may be perfected throughout the Conference.

W. W. CARRE, President.  
A. M. MAYO, Secretary.

Robert Randle was put in place of W. E. Akin on the Bible Society Board.

On motion of Briscoe Carter, the name of T. M. Wafer was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Super-

numerary relation, and the name of W. J. Porter was referred to the same Committee for the Superannuate relation.

**Question 20**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of E. K. Means, C. C. Miller, E. L. Cargill, W. D. Kleinschmidt, William Schuhle, W. H. Coleman, P. H. Fontaine, J. P. Haney, S. L. Riggs, W. R. Harvell, F. N. Sweeney, L. C. Wilson and J. W. Lee were called and their characters passed.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Waterhouse, President of Emory and Henry College, representing the General Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The following resolution was introduced by F. S. Parker, and was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Dr. Waterhouse in recognition of his service in coming so great a distance to bring the valuable and inspiring message to which we have just listened.

F. S. PARKER,  
R. H. WYNN.

Rev. A. E. Spencer, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Ruston, was introduced.

The following appeal was made by A. S. J. Neill from the ruling of the Presiding Elder of the Monroe District:

To the Bishop presiding over the Louisiana Annual Conference in session at Ruston, La.:

Rev. A. S. J. Neill submitted the following question of law concerning local preachers to the President of the Monroe District Conference, in session at Waterproof, La., July 4-6, 1907:

"Shall the District Conference pass the characters of local preachers who do not comply with the law in the last sentence of Paragraph 169, Discipline, 1906, requiring local preachers to make reports in writing of their labors to the District Conference?"

On the above question of law, Rev. J. E. Denson, P. E., made the following decision:

"The failure of a local preacher to submit in writing a report of his labors to the District Conference, as required in the last sentence of Paragraph 169 of Discipline, 1906, does not destroy the prerogative of said Conference, and it may pass the character or renew the license of a local preacher as directed in paragraph 75 of the Discipline of 1906, when in its judgment his gifts, graces and usefulness will warrant it."

Whereupon the said A. S. J. Neill gave notice of his intention to appeal to the Bishop presiding at the ensuing Annual Conference.

(Signed) C. E. IVES, Secretary.

The above decision is respectfully appealed from on the following grounds:

First, that the law in the last sentence of paragraph 169, Discipline of 1906, is imperative: "They shall report in writing annually to the District Conference the extent and result of their labors."

Second, that the evident object of this rule requiring local preachers to "Report in writing to the District Conference the extent and result of their labors" is that the District Conference may receive

from them the requisite information as to the extent and results of their labors as required in this entire paragraph 169 before passing their characters.

Third, that paragraph 75, which is made the basis of the Presiding Elder's decision in this case, cannot be taken to nullify paragraph 169, or any other law of the Church as laid down in the Discipline.

A. S. J. NEILL.

The Bishop submitted the following decision:

"The decision of the Presiding Elder is sustained."

(Signed) SETH WARD, Bishop Presiding.

Ruston, La., December 7, 1907.

**Question 45.**—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?—was taken up.

J. E. Denson put Monroe in nomination; W. H. Benton put Leesville in nomination; H. R. Singleton put Alexandria in nomination.

The vote resulted as follows: Monroe, 13; Leesville, 72; Alexandria, 38.

On motion of H. R. Singleton, the choice of Leesville was made unanimous.

Briscoe Carter moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 p. m. and to adjourn at 3:45 p. m. The motion prevailed.

R. H. Wynn presented Report No. 2 of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Briscoe Carter that the report be amended as follows: That the paragraph providing for the appointment of a committee on the sale of the Centenary College property provide that the said committee shall consist of five members, three to be appointed by the Legal Conference, and two by the Board of Trustees of Centenary College.

The amendment prevailed.

H. B. Carre moved that the report be amended by striking out the paragraph authorizing the sale of Centenary College property and that the Trustees be instructed to consider the advisability of operating a secondary school in said Centenary buildings.

The amendment was lost.

The report as amended was adopted, as follows:

The Board of Education beg leave to submit the following:

In reference to the general work of the Board of Education we call attention to the variety of valuable service that is being rendered by means of the money raised for Educational Extension, as is indicated in the report of the General Secretary of Education. The work of establishing school in domestic mission fields, to which one-fifth of this money is appropriated, is the most important factor in the solution of the home mission problem. Its work of training the leaders of the colored race, to which two-fifths of this money is appropriated, is the best possible approach to the solution of this delicate and difficult home mission problem. The work of the Correspondence School, to which the remaining two-fifths of this money is appropriated, we note with pleasure as in itself comprising a rich variety of benefits offered to the rank and file of our preachers and laymen. We call particular attention to the extension library as giving

the man without much money to invest in books the opportunity to use them; and to the Quiet Hour Plan, as a great means to a revival of devotional Bible reading. We appreciate the results of the correspondence courses in the men of our own Conference.

For such a variety of work as is indicated in the communications that have been received, we think that the assessment, \$1145, for Educational Extension is not too great, and we regret that the amount collected the past year has only been 28 per cent. of same.

We heartily commend the Scarrett Bible and Training School as affording exceptional advantages for the training of young women for practical service in our Church.

We have received a communication from Bishop E. Cottrell in regard to the Mississippi Industrial and Theological College for the colored race, at Holly Springs, Miss. We note with satisfaction the spirit of self-helpfulness and sacrifice that has accompanied this enterprise, and we commend it to the liberality of the people. We also commend the institution of a similar character at Homer, La., the claims of which were presented to the Conference by its President.

Referring again to the work of the General Board, we are advised that in conformity with a provision enacted at the last General Conference, the Board will regard the home as well as the school in the sphere of its influence, and will give assistance in this most fundamental branch of Christian education.

#### MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

As to our Conference work, we are gratified with the present status of Mansfield Female College, we thoroughly endorse the change from the lease system to that of direct management by the Board of Trustees, and we urge the members of the Conference to do their utmost in securing that patronage for this school which will render it possible to pay current expenses and also being of benefit to the Church for the usefulness of the College.

To provide the school with equipment absolutely necessary, the debt upon the institution has been increased, and there is urgent necessity that some of the notes that are due to be paid. We recommend, therefore, that preachers in charge freely open the way for President Olin S. Dean to make collections for this cause in their charges.

#### CENTENARY COLLEGE.

The accompanying exhibit of W. E. Boggs, Commissioner of Education, shows that the new building in Shreveport has been completed and is ready for use. W. L. Weber has been elected President of Centenary College by the Board of Trustees, and will occupy the time between this and opening of the School in fall in raising money, selecting a faculty and the general work of organization. We recommend that preachers in charge give him the right of way to work in their charges in the interest of the school.

We recommend that the Conference instruct Rev. W. E. Boggs, Agent of and for the Louisiana Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, to transfer the title of Centenary College property at Shreveport, La., to the Board of Trustees of said College, to be held in trust for the said Louisiana Conference.

We recommend further that the Board of Trustees be authorized to place mortgage on the property for an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

We recommend that the Legal Conference be instructed to give deed of sale to W. R. McKowen for \$1200 for the property in Jackson, La., known as the "Drake house," which is not a part of the original property.

We recommend that the Legal Conference be instructed to appoint three members of a committee of five, the other two to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, with full power to negotiate and close a sale of the grounds and building of Centenary College, Jackson, La., for school purposes.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College is herewith submitted as matter of information. (For Report, see Appendix.)

We recommend that the Conference appropriate the sum of \$400, or so much as is needed thereof, to refund the three months tuition of those students of Centenary College who had paid for five months, and that William Schuhle be authorized to make the settlements with them.

We appropriate the sum of \$46.15 to the Legal Conference for extra fire insurance on Centenary College, in accordance with the resolution of Conference.

We recommend that the amount of \$717, the amount paid to W. E. Boggs as balance due on his salary and traveling expenses, be regarded as part of the \$1600 due Centenary College, according to contract, and we recommend that the Conference appropriate the balance due Centenary College of \$883, the same to be applied to the salary of the President.

We recommend the appropriation of \$246 to T. S. Sligh, amount due for Conference beneficiaries last session, at Mansfield College.

We recommend the appropriation to the Board of Trustees of Mansfield College of \$76.67 for tuition of beneficiaries to date, and the additional amount of \$575.

We recommend that a commission, consisting of W. L. Weber, O. S. Dean, K. W. Dodson, R. H. Wynn and Briscoe Carter, be appointed to consider the advisability and practicability of organizing a correlated school system in our Conference, and to report at our next session.

We recommend that W. L. Weber be appointed Conference Commissioner of Education.

We concur in the proposition of the Alabama Conference relative to the Preacher's Institute at the Seashore Camp Ground, and request the Bishop to appoint a commission of two from this Conference to confer with similar commissions from the Mississippi and Alabama Conferences, relative to the same.

We recommend the appointment of H. B. Carre, Thomas Carter and R. H. Wynn as a Committee on the Louisiana Conference Institute.

We recommend the same assessment for Conference Education, and the same apportionment as last year, to-wit:

District.	Educational Ex.	Conf. Education.
Alexandria .....	\$130	\$520
Arcadia .....	160	625
Baton Rouge .....	125	525
Crowley .....	185	705
Monroe .....	135	500
New Orleans .....	195	775
Shreveport .....	215	850
	<hr/> \$1145	<hr/> \$4500

We recommend that the Bishop appoint Thomas Carter and Henry Beach Carre professors in Vanderbilt University, and that he appoint M. H. Honeycutt, F. J. McCoy, L. H. Courtney and O. J. Rainey as students at Millsaps College.

The report of W. E. Boggs, Commissioner of Education is herewith submitted for information. (See Appendix.)

(Signed) R. H. WYNN, President.



The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was submitted by W. W. Drake, as follows:

#### RECEIPTS.

From Auditing Board for Conference Education .....	\$2,744.25
From Auditing Board for Educational Extension.....	318.00
From Donaldsonville Charge .....	15.00
Amount on hand from 1906 .....	205.03
Total .....	<u>\$3,282.28</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Refunded to Centenary Students .....	\$400.00
Insurance on Centenary buildings, Jackson .....	46.15
Mansfield Beneficiaries (Spring Term) .....	246.00
Mansfield Beneficiaries (Fall Term) .....	76.67
On account Salary and Expenses of Commissioner of Education .....	717.00
Board of Trustees Centenary College .....	883.00
Board of Trustees Mansfield College ....	575.00
J. D. Hammond for General Board .....	318.00
Balance on hand .....	20.46
Total .....	<u>\$3,282.28</u>

(Signed) W. W. DRAKE, Treasurer.

President W. L. Weber of Centenary College, and President Olin S. Dean, of Mansfield College, addressed the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the coming of Messrs. W. L. Weber and Olin S. Dean to the presidency of our colleges we are most happy, and that in the application of their experience and abilities to our educational task and problems we feel the greatest encouragement. We welcome to our State these accomplished gentlemen, and assure them of our hearty and diligent co-operation in filling the dormitories of Centenary and Mansfield with boys and girls and otherwise sustaining our educational institutions to our utmost ability.

F. S. PARKER,  
R. H. WYNN.

**Question 6.**—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?—was called.

The Bishop announced the transfer of W. A. Betts from the South Carolina Conference.

Rev. A. G. Shankle made the following report of the Committee on Public Worship:

Trinity Church, Saturday evening, Dr. R. G. Waterhouse.

Sunday—Trinity Church, Love Feast at 9 a. m., led by Rev. T. J. Upton; Morning service at 11, preaching by Bishop Seth Ward, followed by the ordination of deacons; Memorial service, 3 p. m.; Evening service at 7:30 p. m., preaching by Dr. C. W. Carter, followed by the ordination of elders. Baptist Church, Morning service, 11 a. m., preaching by Dr. J. A. Rice; afternoon meeting for young people, 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. George D. Parker, Missionary to Brazil; Evening service, 7:30 p. m., preaching by Rev. W. E. Boggs. Presbyterian Church, Morning service, 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. J. E. Wray, D. D.;

Evening service, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. I. Hoffpauir. Methodist Protestant Church, Morning service, preaching by Rev. J. M. Weems; Evening service, 7:30 p. m., preaching by Rev. H. W. May. Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. F. Waltman. Parish Prison, service at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. F. M. Freeman and Rev. Martin Hebert. First Church, Shreveport, Morning and Evening services, H. B. Carre.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced, and Conference adjourned according to rule.

#### Afternoon Session.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 2 p. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Bishop and The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. G. D. Booth, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Monroe, was introduced.

**Question 20.**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of B. T. Crewes, H. S. Johns, A. W. Turner, H. J. Boltz, C. F. Staples, W. H. Benton, K. W. Dodson, P. O. Lowrey, R. S. Isbell, George D. Purcell, F. R. Hill, H. N. Brown, R. J. Harp and J. M. Weems were called and their characters were passed.

The following report of the Historical Committee was presented by F. S. Parker. On motion, the report was received and the Committee was continued:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Historical Committee beg leave to report that, ascertaining at its first meeting that Rev. Robert J. Harp had in preparation a History of Methodism in Louisiana, and knowing that he had a valuable accumulation of material bearing on the subject, besides personal memories possessed by no other man, deemed it best to relegate to him the task of preparing for publication such a work, the other members holding themselves ready to aid Brother Harp as they might be able.

We deem it of great importance that Brother Harp push the work of composition as rapidly as his time and strength will admit, realizing that with reference to many significant and interesting aspects of the history of our Church in Louisiana he is the only first hand source of information.

Your Committee desire to express their great satisfaction in the possession by our Conference of an historian of so great and versatile gifts, such rare accuracy of recollection and large and varied stores of information; and they bespeak the prayers of the Church that his life and strength be preserved for the accomplishment of the work that remains for him to do and which he alone can do.

(Signed) FITZGERALD SALE PARKER,  
PAUL M. BROWN.

S. S. Keener submitted the following report, No. 1, of the Joint Board of Finance:



The Joint Board of Finance makes the following report:  
To the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for  
the year ending December 4, 1907:

Receipts for Conference Claimants:

From Pastoral Charges .....	\$5,636.00
From New Orleans Depository .....	300.00
From Board of Education .....	369.66
From Interest on Bequest .....	160.25
From Bynum Plantation Rent .....	1,201.40
From Interest on Sinking Fund .....	31.12
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	\$7,708.43

Distributed as follows:

To Rev. George Jackson .....	\$225.00
To Rev. R. S. Trippett .....	275.00
To Rev. J. M. Johnston .....	300.00
To Rev. J. F. Wynn .....	325.00
To Rev. F. G. Hocutt .....	300.00
To Rev. M. G. Jenkins .....	225.00
To Rev. W. J. Porter .....	250.00
To Rev. J. A. Miller .....	325.00
To Rev. T. J. Upton .....	275.00
To Rev. J. H. Brown .....	250.00
To Mrs. T. K. Faunt Le Roy .....	225.00
To Mrs. J. B. Cassidy .....	400.00
To Mrs. T. B. White .....	150.00
To Mrs. B. F. White .....	200.00
To Mrs. J. D. Adams .....	250.00
To Mrs. P. M. Goodwyn .....	200.00
To Mrs. W. D. Stayton .....	225.00
To Mrs. J. L. Borden .....	100.00
To Mrs. W. Weimer .....	150.00
To Mrs. J. W. Medlock .....	350.00
To Mrs. G. M. Liverman .....	183.43
To Mrs. J. E. Bradley .....	125.00
To Mrs. B. F. Alexander .....	200.00
To Mrs. George E. Green .....	225.00
To Mrs. Jesse Fulton .....	150.00
To Mrs. E. W. Yancey .....	175.00
To Mrs. E. B. Foust .....	275.00
To Mrs. E. E. Riggs .....	275.00
To Mrs. R. H. Green .....	275.00
To Mrs. C. T. Munholland .....	275.00
To Mrs. R. C. Grace .....	175.00
To Mrs. J. M. Franklin .....	100.00
To Mrs. M. C. Manly .....	275.00

Taken by

Himself.
J. T. Sawyer.
J. W. Mitchell.
Himself.
S. S. Keener.
J. T. Sawyer.
His Brother.
W. L. Doss, Jr.
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J. W. Mitchell.
R. O. Wier.
F. N. Sweeney.
S. B. McCutchen.
J. E. Densen.
W. W. Holmes.
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A. M. Mayo.
S. B. McCutchen.
J. T. Sawyer.
J. B. Fulton.
P. M. Brown.
W. W. Drake.
S. L. Riggs.
S. J. Davies.
J. E. Densen.
A. C. Holder.
A. G. Shankle.
W. W. Drake.

Receipts and Disbursements—

Received for Conference Claimants .....	\$7,708.43	
Received for Bishops .....	1,072.00	
Received for Minutes .....	296.10	
Received for Superannuate Endowment Fund for Louisiana Conference .....	37.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,113.53
Paid Conference Claimants .....	\$7,708.43	
Remitted Smith & Lamar for Bishops .....	1,072.00	
Remitted for Minutes .....	296.10	
Remitted S. S. Keener for Louisiana Conference Endowment Fund .....	37.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,113.53

## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

To balance in hands of Treasurer .....	\$778.02	
To returned check to Mrs. R. M. Crowson .....	100.00	
		\$878.02
By amount paid Mrs. C. T. Munholland .....		100.00
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Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	\$778.02	

## SUPERANNUATE HOME FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	\$293.45	
Collected from First Church, Shreveport .....	55.75	
Interest on \$349.20 at 4 per cent. ....	13.96	
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		\$363.16

## ASSESSMENTS AND APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1908.

Districts.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Minutes.	Gen. Conf. Delegates.
Alexandria .....	\$175	\$859	\$45	\$88
Arcadia .....	215	1,105	55	100
Baton Rouge .....	185	945	45	82
Crowley .....	255	1,306	65	88
Monroe .....	205	1,043	55	88
New Orleans .....	265	1,366	65	79
Shreveport .....	270	1,376	70	100
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Totals .....	\$1,570	\$8,000	\$400	\$625

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. KEENER, President.

On motion of S. S. Keener, President of the Joint Board of Finance, the following resolutions, passed by the Board, were adopted by the Conference:

1. Resolved, That we request the Conference to grant the Board the privilege of maintaining the sinking fund at five hundred dollars.

2. Resolved, That the Conference request our preachers to observe the second Sunday in April, or as near thereto as may be expedient, as Superannuates' Day; at which time a special collection shall be taken for the Conference Superannuates' Endowment Fund.

(Signed) S. S. KEENER.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Depository was presented by W. W. Carre, and, on motion of F. S. Parker, it was received with the expressed understanding that the Conference does not commit itself to any project for the sale of the Depository.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Depository, as follows:

## RECEIPTS.

From Rent .....	\$720.00
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

For repairs .....	\$ 5.70	
For City Taxes for 1907 .....	165.40	
For State Taxes for 1907 .....	45.00	
For Insurance .....	11.28	
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		\$492.62
Appropriated for Conference Claimants .....		300.00
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Balance reserved for repairs .....		\$192.62

Dr. George S. Brown is recommended to the Conference as Trustee to replace W. W. Sutcliffe.

The Board adopted a resolution that we recommend the sale of the property and invest the proceeds in good securities, and rent an office for the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The building is not in good repair at present.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

J. H. CHAPMAN, President.

New Orleans, December 2, 1907.

Henry Beach Carre presented the report of the Sunday School Board, which was, on motion, received, as follows:

To the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We note with pleasure the substantial gain made in our Sunday School work during the past year, as shown by the report of the Sunday School Editor, which exhibits a gain of 1,482 officers and teachers, 43,000 pupils; a total of 44,972, 864 for each Sunday of the year.

The net gain in the circulation of our various periodicals is 76,192.

The Sunday School Editor has maintained the high standard of our literature, and has made some valuable innovations, notably, the publication of a "Primary Teacher's Quarterly" and an "Adult Class Monthly."

We recommend the work being done by our Teacher Training Department, and urge our Superintendents to avail themselves of the service it offers.

One of the latest departments in Sunday School work is the organized Bible Class, which is going far to solve the problem of keeping the young men the young women in the Sunday School. The International Committee has appointed a member of our Conference, Rev. W. H. Coleman, State Superintendent of this work in Louisiana. We advise our Superintendents to communicate with him for the purpose of organizing such classes in their schools.

We would remind our Superintendents of the requirements laid down in the Discipline regarding the observance of Children's Day, remembering that most of the money raised on this occasion goes towards establishing a much needed chair on Sunday School Instruction in Vanderbilt University.

We request the Principals and Presidents of our Schools and Colleges to introduce to their curricula, courses on Sunday School Instruction wherever it may be practicable.

We are pleased to observe that the Managers of the Tri-State Assembly of Christian Workers have broadened the scope of their work so as to include courses in Sunday School Methods.

We cannot urge too strongly the introduction of Mission Study in our Sunday Schools. If we would have a missionary church in the future we must begin by training the child of to-day to have a world-wide view of the mission of the Church.

Your Board is appointing Sunday School Committees in each District, whose task it will be to further the interests of the work along all lines. We bespeak for these committees the hearty co-operation of Presiding Elders, Pastors and Superintendents.

We recommend most highly the action of the Sunday School Board at its last meeting in projecting the plan for an annual birthday offering from each member of the Sunday Schools. It is proposed to expend the funds thus raised for the next two years in Oklahoma, assisting needy congregations in securing Sunday School buildings and equipments.

We endorse most heartily the valuable work being done by the Louisiana State Sunday School Association under the able leadership

of Brother T. V. Ellzey, General Secretary. We trust our Pastors and Superintendents will co-operate with him in every effort he makes to further the Sunday School interests in our State.

We recommend that this Conference communicate with the General Sunday School Board, requesting it to take under consideration the holding of a meeting of the Chairmen of the several Conference Sunday School Boards.

In view of the large possibilities and rapid growth of the Sunday School work of our Church, we recommend that this Conference address a communication to the General Sunday School Board, asking them to consider the advisability of putting a General Secretary in the field.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### Recepts.

From former Treasurer .....	\$983.25	
From Children's Day Fund .....	466.47	
		<hr/> \$1,449.72

##### Disbursements.

For needy Sunday Schools .....	\$123.73	
For Expenses of the Board .....	8.40	
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Total Expended .....	\$132.13	
Amount to General Board .....	93.30	
Amount Apportioned to Chair of Pedagogy .....	241.04	
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Total Disbursements .....	\$466.47	
Amount on hand .....	983.25	
		<hr/> \$1,449.72

We request that the Conference authorize the Treasurer of our Board to invest the balance on hand at interest, subject to the needs of the Board for carrying on its work.

(Signed) HENRY BEACH CARRE, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by W. Wooton, and, on motion, was received as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—We believe that one day of rest in every seven is a constitutional need of man. We know that the Fourth Commandment in the Old Testament and Christ's precepts and example in the New made it obligatory upon all Christians to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest and and worship. And as the Sabbath is a national institution, protected by law, we know that it is the duty of all good citizens to observe the day in a manner that does not violate the spirit or letter of the law.

We regret that the complexity of our modern civilization has tended to some extent to destroy the possibility of observing the Sabbath in the old fashioned way. Most of all, we regret that many modern conveniences compel the labor of thousands of men seven days in the week. These things have resulted in weakening the American Church conscience as to the sin of Sabbath desecration.

Hence we must protest against many forms of Sabbath desecration, such as Sunday theatres, base ball games, Sunday railroad and steamboat excursions and traveling on Sunday in pursuit of secular business.

We confront the danger in this country of having a Sabbath with all the evils attendant to-day upon the European Sabbath. We call upon all Christian laymen for the Sabbath observance upon which we feel depends our morality and religion and pure civic life and financial prosperity.

Therefore, as ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we again express our purpose to observe the law of God ourselves, to urge its observance throughout the State, and to co-operate with the civil authorities in enforcing our State Sunday law.

(Signed)

W. WOOTON,  
P. O. LOWREY.  
E. K. MEANS,

The attendance of R. J. Anderson, lay delegate from the New Orleans District, was announced and recorded.

**Question 17.**—Who are supernumerary?—was resumed.

On motion of the Committee on Conference Relations, reporting through Paul M. Brown, T. M. Wafer was granted a supernumerary relation.

**Question 18.**—Who are superannuated?—was resumed.

On motion of the Committee on Conference Relations, reporting through Paul M. Brown, W. J. Porter and J. H. Brown were granted a superannuated relation.

The report of the Orphan's Home Board was submitted by H. W. Bowman.

On motion the report was recommitted for correction.

H. B. Carre reported for the Committee on the Advisability of Holding Joint Institutes. On motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of holding, within the bounds of our Conference, joint institutes representing the Missionary, Educational, Epworth League and Sunday School interests of our Church, report that, after having given the various questions involved careful consideration, we believe the project to be practicable and advisable, and therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee to carry it out.

(Signed)

HENRY BEACH CARRE,  
W. W. DRAKE,  
N. E. JOYNER,  
P. M. BROWN.

On motion of P. O. Lowrey, the following Committee on the holding of Joint Institutes in accordance with the provisions of the preceding report, was appointed:

W. W. Drake, W. S. Holmes, P. M. Brown, N. E. Joyner, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by R. W. Vaughan.

P. O. Lowrey moved to amend the report by striking out that part of the second paragraph of recommendations beginning with the words, "we deplore," etc.

The amendment prevailed.

H. B. Carre moved that the motion to amend be reconsidered.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The question coming anew upon the motion to amend, it was moved by S. S. Keener to lay the motion to amend upon the table. The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

The report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following report:

We approach the subject of Temperance with hearts of gratitude to our Heavenly Father. We hail the indications of approaching prohibition with great joy. We welcome the marvelous wave of temperance with eager enthusiasm. About us are gathering every assurance of the broken and terrified power of the rum traffic. Its political strength is being shaken. Its reign of tyranny and cruelty is doomed. Its defiance of law and disregard of society are passing away. Its merciless shadowing of the home, its snares and pitfalls to the young manhood of the Church and State, its nightmare of future ruin to the girlhood of our land are coming to be feared no more. The liquor trade itself is reading the handwriting of its doom, and is pathetically promising reform. The great editorial seers of our strongest newspapers foretell the inevitable. The politicians are clamoring for seats on the "water wagon." Georgia is dry, Alabama is dry, Oklahoma, is dry, Vermont is half dry within the present year. Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina and possibly other States, will become dry before our Conference meets again.

Our own beloved State has become aroused within the past few weeks as she has never been aroused over a moral question since the memorable lottery fight. The time for the battle is opportune. Frightened from our sister States the liquor men, like the race-track people, are looking to Louisiana to entrench their hated trade. We must grant them no welcome here.

We rejoice over the victories achieved in Natchitoches, Cameron, Point Coupee and De Soto Parishes. With eager and prayerful interest we await the issue now being so vigorously waged in Caddo, Calcasieu, Acadia, Vernon and St. Landry Parishes.

In consideration of this most hopeful and promising outlook, your Committee most earnestly recommends:

First—That we recognize the vast importance of womanhood in the campaign against the liquor traffic; that we cordially commend the splendid work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and pledge to them our hearty support in their endeavor to array the mothers and sisters against this great evil.

Second—That while we sympathize with any well-ordered movement that seeks the destruction of the saloon, we most heartily endorse the purpose and aim of the Anti-Saloon League, that we appreciatively recognize its splendid legislative work, and see in this movement the most effective organized power against the saloon; yet we deplore and cannot endorse the injudicious political utterances in print or public speech of any accredited representative of the Anti-Saloon League, and suggest that our pulpits be not open to the discussion of personal politics.

Third—That we urge our ministry and people to fraternize with other denominations in any concerted local or general movement that will assist in the campaign.

Fourth—That we urge our people by petition, message and proper exercise of influence to press our national legislators to support the Littlefield-Carmack bill in the present session of Congress, and to assist in the passage of the bill recently introduced to legislate the sale of liquor out of the District of Columbia.

Fifth—That we recommend that our preachers preach, scatter literature, organize sentiment, and in any and every way use their



influence to arouse the public to active interest in this great movement, and that our efforts do not cease until every precinct, ward and parish has been thoroughly agitated and that the sure and permanent overthrow and eradication of the liquor traffic has become an accomplished fact throughout the entire State.

(Signed)

ROBERT W. VAUGHAN,  
ROBERT O. WEIR,  
J. J. KELLY.

The Committee on District Conference Records reported through A. S. Lutz. The report was received as follows.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to submit the following report:

All records, save that of the Shreveport District were placed in our hands.

1. The Alexandria District Record meets the requirements of a neat record, but a failure to place the official roll at the beginning mars its perfection.

2. The Arcadia District Record is highly approved.

3. The Baton Rouge District Record is concise and neat, but we note the omission of the official roll.

4. The Crowley District Record is well kept.

5. The Monroe District Record is in good form, but its neatness is marred by some inexcusable blots.

6. The New Orleans District Record is neatly written, but at the conclusion there is an unauthorized interpolation.

(Signed)

C. D. ATKINSON,  
A. S. LUTZ,  
R. T. McCLENDON,

The report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was received without reading, and ordered printed with the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

It was moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in Memorial Session, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

A motion to adjourn was carried, and after singing the doxology and receiving the benediction, Conference adjourned.

#### FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Service was held at the morning and evening hours of worship throughout the city in the various churches, as announced in the report of the Committee on Public Worship.

The Conference Love Feast was held at 9 a. m. in Trinity Church, led by Rev. T. J. Upton.

Bishop Ward preached at the morning service in Trinity Church, the ordination of deacons following the sermon.

In the afternoon Memorial Session of the Conference was held in Trinity Church.

The sermon at the evening service in Trinity Church was preached by Dr. C. W. Carter. The ordination of elders by Bishop Ward, assisted by elders present, followed the sermon.

**Memorial Session.**

Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, at 3 p. m., in Memorial Session, Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. J. Davies, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs.

The Hymn 597, "Servant of God, well done!" was sung; Rev. H. O. White led in prayer; Rev. S. J. Davies read and commented upon Psalm xc. Remarks were made by the Bishop.

**Question 19.**—What preachers have died during the year?—was called.

**Answer**—J. M. Franklin, C. T. Munholland, R. C. Grace, T. K. Fauntleroy, and T. H. McClendon.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs, consisting of the memoirs of the deceased, was adopted, with instructions to the Committee to have memoirs of R. C. Grace and J. M. Franklin prepared for insertion in the Minutes.

The memoir of T. K. Fauntleroy was read by H. J. Boltz. The memoir of Thomas H. McClendon was read by S. J. Davies. Owing to absence of data, a memoir of J. M. Franklin had not been specially prepared, and a portion of one prepared for his Masonic lodge was read. T. J. Upton made a memorial address on the life and ministry of R. C. Grace. S. S. Keener read the memoir of C. T. Munholland.

Remarks were made by J. M. Henry, J. G. Solane, R. J. Harp. F. S. Parker, J. D. Harper, T. J. Holladay, S. S. Keener, J. T. Sawyer, W. J. Porter, N. B. Norwood and Bishop Ward.

The Memorial Session adjourned, after singing and the benediction.

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**SIXTH DAY—MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.**

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Conference met according to rule at 9 a. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Wynn, and consisted of singing Hymn 544, "I love to tell the story," prayer, the reading of Philippinas ii., and singing Hymn 332, "Not for ease or worldly pleasure."

Bishop Ward called Dr. C. W. Carter to the chair.

The minutes of Saturday afternoon's session and the Sunday afternoon memorial session were read and approved.

Bishop Ward resumed the chair.

Questions 21 to 49 were answered, as follows:



**Question 21.**—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

**Answer.**—Local preachers, 63; members, 32,581. For details see Statistical Tables in Appendix.

**Question 22.**—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

**Answer.**—1,008.

**Question 23.**—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

**Answer.**—834.

**Question 24.**—What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

**Answer.**—Senior Leagues, 50; Junior Leagues, 27; total, 77.

**Question 25.**—What is the number of Epworth League members?

**Answer.**—Senior, 1,570; Junior, 655; total, 2,225.

**Question 26.**—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

**Answer.**—322.

**Question 27.**—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

**Answer.**—2144.

**Question 28.**—What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year?

**Answer.**—21,516.

**Question 29.**—What amount was assessed for the superannuated preachers and for the widows and orphans of preachers?

**Answer.**—7,500.

**Question 30.**—What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

**Answer.**—Collected, \$5,636. Applied as specified in report of the Joint Board of Finance for the relief of conference claimants. (See page 20.)

**Question 31.**—What has been contributed for missions?

**Answer.**—Foreign Missions, 6,270.35; Domestic Missions, \$5,770.41; total, \$12,040.76.

**Question 32.**—What has been contributed for Church Extension?

**Answer.**—\$2,047.

**Question 33.**—What has been done for the American Bible Society?

**Answer.**—Contributed, \$259.40.

**Question 34.**—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge?

**Answer.**—Presiding Elders, \$14,179; Preachers in Charge, \$94,377; total, \$108,556.

**Question 35.**—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

**Answer.**—\$1,067.

**Question 36.**—What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them?

Answer.—Societies, 399; houses of worship, 340.

**Question 37.**—What is the value of houses of worship and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer.—Value, \$923,115; indebtedness, \$73,720.

**Question 38.**—What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them?

Answer.—Pastoral charges, 141; parsonages, 111.

**Question 39.**—What is the value of parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer.—Value of parsonages, \$206,100; indebtedness, \$16,101.

**Question 40.**—What is the number of districts and what is the number of district parsonages?

Answer.—Districts, 7; district parsonages, 4.

**Question 41.**—What is the value of district parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer.—Value, \$13,300; indebtedness, \$4,300.

**Question 42.**—What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage?

Answer.—Churches damaged or destroyed, 6; amount of damage, \$11,290.

**Question 43.**—What are the insurance statistics?

Insurance carried, \$325,650; premiums paid, \$2,484; losses collected, \$5,925.

**Question 44.**—What are the educational statistics?

Answer.—Value of college property, \$145,000; pupils in Mansfield College, 100; professors in Mansfield College, 6. Contributed for Educational Extension, \$318; for Conference Education, \$2,744.23.

**Question 9.**—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?—was called.

Bishop Ward reported the ordination by himself, Sunday, December 8, following the sermon at morning service, of Thomas Jefferson Holladay, Samuel William B. Colvin, Jesse Ben Fulton, Robert Henry Harper, Thomas Milton Burgess and Walter Lee Hunter (the last named having been elected last year, but having failed to be ordained).\*

**Question 11.**—What local preachers are ordained deacons?—was called.

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\*Last year's Minutes are in error in reporting W. L. Hunter as having been ordained Deacon.

Bishop Ward reported the ordination by himself at the same time and place with the ordination of traveling deacons, of Thomas Duncan Lipscomb.

**Question 13.**—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?—was called.

Bishop Ward reported the ordination by himself, Sunday, December 8, following the sermon at evening service, of Andrew Jackson Coburn, Joseph Sadler Rutledge, William Walter Holmes, John Dunn Nesom, Lee Ausgood Humphreys and Eugene L. Cargill (the last named having been elected to elders orders last year, but having failed to be ordained).

**Question 15.**—What local preachers are ordained elders?—was called.

Answer.—None.

S. S. Keener submitted Report No. 2 of the Joint Board of Finance, which was, on motion, received as follows:

It being brought to the notice of the Board that the name of N. S. Cornell had been overlooked inadvertently in the appropriations for claimants, the Board appropriates \$275 from the reserve left over from the required amount to be maintained in the sinking fund.

(Signed) S. S. KEENER, Chairman.

**Question 20.**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of D. C. Barr, T. S. Randle, W. G. Roberts, S. J. Davies, A. S. J. Neill, J. O. Bennett, H. G. Davis, B. H. Sheppard, R. A. Davis, H. W. May, W. H. Hatfield, J. E. Wray, J. A. Rice, A. S. Lutz, T. M. Buley, C. D. Atkinson, S. S. Bogan, E. P. Craddock, H. Whitehead, H. B. Carre, Thomas Carter, F. S. Parker, H. T. Carley and N. E. Joyner were called and their characters passed.

Professor Carter spoke on Vanderbilt University.

Rev. W. A. Betts, transferred from the South Carolina Conference, was introduced.

Rev. Glenn Flynn, Secretary Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**Question 5.**—Who are re-admitted?—was called.

Answer.—None.

The following resolution, submitted by R. W. Vaughan, was passed:

Resolved, That it shall be cause for censure when a preacher fails promptly and correctly to report the statistics from his charge.

(Signed) R. W. VAUGHAN.

**Question 20.**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed.

The names of W. W. Drake, H. Armstrong, R. W. Vaughan, M. Hebert, J. I. Hoffpauir, J. D. Harper, O. A. Thrower, S. S. Keener,

C. W. Carter, J. F. Patterson and J. J. Kelly were called and their characters passed.

John F. Foster submitted the report of the Ministers' Education Aid Association, which was received as information and ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

John T. Sawyer submitted the report of the Legal Conference, which was received as follows:

Brethren—We submit the following report for 1907:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Receipts.

From Louisiana Annual Conference from Board of Education .....	\$323.51	
From W. W. Duson, interest on note of \$93.04, due Jan. 1, 1907 .....	7.45	
From W. W. Duson, interest on his note of \$1,000, account McLemore Fund .....	80.00	
From W. W. Duson, interest on his note (mortgage) for \$910 .....	72.80	
From A. A. Dean, account Bynum Plantation (Nov. 21) .....	750.00	
From A. A. Dean, account Bynum Plantation (Nov. 29) .....	200.00	
Less exchange .....	.30	
	<hr/>	199.70
From A. A. Dean, account Bynum Plantation (Dec. 2) .....	250.00	
Less insurance paid .....	53.00	
	<hr/>	197.00
From A. A. Dean, account Bynum Plantation Dec. 2) .....	300.00	
From Louisiana Conference Board of Education (Dec. 6) .....	46.15	
	<hr/>	\$1,976.61

#### Disbursements.

Paid R. W. Tucker, traveling expenses on trip to New Orleans .....	\$7.60	
Paid A. A. Dean's draft for taxes for 1906 .....	175.00	
Paid J. R. Moore, traveling expenses account Legal Conference .....	10.00	
Paid R. H. Wynn, traveling expenses account Legal Conference .....	6.55	
J. C. Lloyd, Jr., Co., Inc., Insurance on Centenary College at Jackson, La. This is due to the Royal Exchange Co.'s policy being cancelled and two other companies being substituted, and having to pay them expired time and make policies run three years to Nov. 30 and Dec. 28, 1909—\$7,000 and \$10,000, respectively .....	46.15	
Balance .....	1,731.31	
	<hr/>	\$1,976.61

The Legal Conference appropriated \$1,731.31 to the Joint Board of Finance for distribution among the claimants upon the Conference Claimant's Fund.

(Signed)

JOHN T. SAWYER, President.

P. O. Lowrey presented report No. 1 of the Board of Church Extension, which was received as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference:

Your Board of Church Extension is gratified to know that in spite of financial discouragements we are \$13 ahead of the amount collected last year, our total being \$2,047. But we regret that we had only one dollar to give for every three asked, and that many churches must be denied the much needed aid hoped for. Our plea is that our Church Extension cause be kept before our people as a twin sister to our missionary enterprises and that our collections may be more and more liberal.

We hope to have Dr. McMurry spend some time in our State during the year and give special attention to aiding the enterprising of a new church building at Natchitoches, where our needs are great and our Methodism is weak, and that we may hear of many other congregations joining our already goodly number that have so recently erected suitable houses of worship for the people of our progressive age. Our Board stands ready to give every possible aid in these worthy enterprises of our pastors and people.

We heartily commend the Sunday School Board's move to collect Birthday Offerings from our Sunday School scholars for an Oklahoma Church Building Fund, and wish that our people might lend every possible aid in building a representative Southern Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., \$4,600 being the amount that our General Secretary hopes to raise from our Conference.

We also call the attention of our pastors and people to the Savings Fund Department of our General Board, and commend to them the plan for saving small amounts for building and repairing purposes until sufficient funds for the enterprise can be raised. The Board pays four per cent on such deposits.

Our collections this year were only 66 per cent of our assessments, and in the name of our poorly housed and no-church congregations we appeal to you for all you can do for our much needed work.

The apportionments of the assessment of \$4008 for the coming year are as follows: Alexandria District, \$530; Arcadia District, \$600; Baton Rouge District, \$603; Crowley District, \$607; Monroe District, \$432; New Orleans District, \$594; Shreveport District, \$642.

(Signed)

J. D. HARPER, President,  
P. O. LOWREY, Secretary.

**Question 16.**—Who are located this year?—was resumed.

R. S. Collier was located at his own request, made by him in person.

The report of the special committee appointed to look into the equities of the opening of a branch depository of the Publishing House in New Orleans reported through F. S. Parker, and a motion was made to adopt the report.

R. J. Harp offered as a minority report a resolution requesting the Publishing Agents to investigate the rights of the tenure of the Depository building in New Orleans, and moved its passage as a substitute for the majority report.

S. J. Davies moved that both the report and the substitute be referred to the Legal Conference for adjustment of the questions involved.

S. S. Keener moved to lay the motion to refer on the table. The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

S. S. Keener moved to lay the substitute on the table. The motion prevailed, and the substitute was laid on the table.

On motion of S. S. Keener, the previous question was ordered.

The report was adopted as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee appointed to look into the equities of opening a branch of the Publishing House in the Depository building owned by the Louisiana Conference and situated in Camp Street, New Orleans, beg leave to report:

1. We find that the building, No. 512 Camp Street, New Orleans, was purchased in the carrying out of a plan for the opening of a branch depository of the Publishing House, said plan having been expressed in the form of an agreement between Stevenson & Owens, Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the first part, and J. C. Keener and H. N. McTyeire, of the second part, bearing date April 24, 1857. The original of said memorandum of agreement, being now in the possession of your Committee.

2. The before mentioned memorandum of agreement further states that the said building "is to be secured free of cost to the M. E. Church, South," "with special reference to the accommodation of the said depository and New Orleans Christian Advocate, and such other Church purposes as may be deemed suitable and proper."

3. The original articles of incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Depository, Art. II, give the objects of the Association as follows: The objects of this Association shall be to procure a large and commodious and suitable house in the City of New Orleans to be called the New Orleans Methodist Depository, and to be used as a Depository by the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; for the Publishing Office of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and such other purposes as the Louisiana Conference may determine; and to establish and conduct therein a permanent Methodist Depository." A certified copy of the foregoing, signed by Linus Parker, Secretary of the Board, is in the possession of your Committee.

4. The relation of the Depository to the Publishing House at Nashville is further determined by the fact that the New Orleans Christian Advocate, for which provision is made both in agreement and charter, was at the time the property of the Publishing Agents, Stevenson & Owens, having been transferred to them in 1854, in consideration of the payment to the Publishing Committees of the Louisiana and Alabama Conferences of the sum of six thousand dollars. The original assignment is in the possession of your Committee.

5. The subscription notes by which the money was raised for the purchase of the building at 512 Camp Street, New Orleans, do not vary in essentials from the foregoing terms under which the building is held, save that they do not mention the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and specify only the purposes included in the opening of a depository for the Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Your Committee is of opinion, however, that, in view of the fact that the New Orleans Christian Advocate was a part of the property and one of the periodicals of the Church, owned by the Publishing House domiciled in Nashville, as before indicated, the absence of any provision for the maintenance of an office of publication for the New Orleans Christian Advocate, does not in any wise exclude the interest of the Advocate, which has otherwise been expressly provided for in articles of incorporation and agreement under which the purchase of the Depository was enterprised.



6. Your Committee have been informed by Rev. S. S. Keener, who had personal knowledge of the transaction, that \$2,000 of the last installment due on the purchase price of the New Orleans Methodist Depository was paid out of money held by the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference in trust for the benefit of the superannuates and the widows and orphans claimant upon its funds; thus constituting a further bond of connection between the Conference and the Depository building.

Your Committee recommend:

1. That the use of the building, 512 Camp Street, be tendered the Publishing Agents for a branch of the House, to be carried on under the terms of the original agreement, or such other as may be agreeable thereto.

2. That all necessary space be granted, rent free, for the publication of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

3. That in event of the failure of the Publishing Agents to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of opening a branch house in New Orleans, the property be kept in repair and rented to the best advantage for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of the Louisiana Conference. This recommendation we deem in strict accord with both the letter and the spirit of the law, which provides for the application of the produce of the Publishing House to the relief of our Conference Claimant and to no other purpose. Any other disposal of the property or its produce we should deem a violation of the terms of the trust under which it was purchased and held.

Your Committee respectfully submit the foregoing report and attach the original documents therein referred to.

(Signed) FITZGERALD SALE PARKER,  
K. W. DODSON.

R. H. Wynn submitted the report of the Orphan's Home Board with copies of the Charter of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage and Report of the Board of Trustees. The copy of Charter was ordered filed with the Conference archives, the report of the Board of Trustees received as information (see Appendix), and the report of the Board received as follows:

The Orphan's Home Board of the Louisiana Conference respectfully presents the following report:

Our Agent, Rev. C. C. Wier, has presented to the Board a financial report of his work during the year, which has been audited and approved. His report shows the following items:

#### Receipts.

Amount brought forward .....	\$548.00	
Cash collected .....	6,917.00	
In subscriptions .....	8,500.00	
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		15,965.00

#### Disbursements.

Agent's salary and expenses .....	\$1,316.64	
Expended on Bunkie property .....	459.15	
Maintenance of Home .....	1,159.00	
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Total expense .....		\$2,934.79
Amount turned over to Treasurer .....		4,527.95

## Assets.

Cash in hand .....	\$4,527.95
Bunkie property .....	3,600.00
Uncollected subscriptions .....	7,500.00
Forty acre site in Ruston .....	2,000.00

Total assets ..... \$17,627.95

There are no liabilities that we can report, as the work has just begun on the building.

The report of the Board of Trustees will be presented to the Conference in connection with this report.

The Board recommends and respectfully requests Bishop Ward to appoint Rev. C. C. Wier, Financial Field Agent for the Orphan's Home.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) H. W. BOWMAN, Chairman.  
R. H. WYNN, Secretary.

C. C. Miller presented the report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, which was received and adopted as follows:

To the Members of the Louisiana Conference:

Dear Brethren: We, your Board, beg leave to report that the financial report will show that \$6,014 were collected on the several charges for Foreign Missions, and \$5,584 for Domestic Missions. It is very gratifying to us that this represents a substantial gain of \$612 over last year, and we sincerely trust that this is the harbinger of better things in the future.

The Rev. John T. Sawyer has been selected as Conference Missionary Evangelist, and we request the Bishop to appoint him to that field of labor.

The Rev. N. E. Joyner has been elected Conference Missionary Secretary.

The Board of Missions heartily commends the Laymen's Missionary Movement, recently inaugurated by our General Board with a view of utilizing the laymen of our Church in the evangelization of the foreign immigrants coming into our State, the unchurched mass of our cities and to conserve the forces of the rural districts.

We heartily commend "Go Forward," and recommend the dissemination of the missionary literature of our Church.

We recommend the same assessments as last year for both Foreign and Domestic Missions, namely, \$8,470 for Foreign Missions and \$8,470 for Domestic Missions.

We are gratified to see the vigorous interest manifested in the Home Department, especially in the French Mission Work of our own Conference, and in the arduous task of Protestantizing the great city of New Orleans, and feel encouraged by the co-operation extended to us by Rev. John R. Nelson, Secretary of the Home Department of the General Board.

(Signed) C. C. MILLER, Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was presented by W. B. Thomson, and was received and adopted as follows:

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

## Drs.

To amounts from charges on assessment.....	\$6,014.10	
To subscriptions for Kobe Institute .....	316.25	
		<hr/> \$6,330.35



## Crs.

By remittance to J. P. Hamilton, Treasurer ..... \$6,330.35

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

## Drs.

To amounts from charges on assessment.....	5,584.27	
To interest on special deposits .....	56.89	
To interest on Babington Fund, 2 months.....	12.00	
To unused appropriation, Crowley District.....	150.00	
To balance on hand from 1906 .....	46.51	
To amount collected on French Mission .....	196.14	
		<u>\$6,045.81</u>

## Crs.

By appropriation to Alexandria District .....	650.00	
By appropriation to Arcadia District .....	50.00	
By appropriation to Baton Rouge District .....	925.00	
By appropriation to Crowley District .....	625.00	
By appropriation to Monroe District .....	425.00	
By appropriation to New Orleans District .....	1,375.00	
By appropriation to Shreveport District .....	650.00	
By balance of Salary of Conference Secretary.....	498.23	
By salary of Conference Evangelist, 1st quarter...	550.00	
By stationery, collecting checks .....	2.00	
By amount on hand for French Mission Special....	196.14	
By funds on hand .....	99.44	
		<u>\$6,045.81</u>

## Totals.

Foreign Missions .....	\$6,330.35	
Domestic Missions .....	6,045.81	
		<u>\$12,376.16</u>

Apportionments of the assessments for Foreign and Domestic Missions are as follows: Alexandria District, \$1,102; Arcadia District, \$1,355; Baton Rouge District, \$1,355; Crowley District, \$1,185; Monroe District, \$1,016; New Orleans District, \$1,102; Shreveport District, \$1,355. The apportionments for Domestic Missions are the same as those for Foreign Missions.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Alexandria District—		
West Alexandria .....	\$175.00	
Natchitoches .....	400.00	
Summerville .....	75.00	
		<u>\$650.00</u>
Arcadia District—		
Alberta .....	50.00	
		<u>\$50.00</u>
Baton Rouge District—		
Baton Rouge, Second Church .....	\$200.00	
Mount Hermon .....	100.00	
Independence .....	75.00	
Pine Grove .....	75.00	
Port Vincent .....	75.00	
East Feliciana .....	50.00	
Hammond .....	200.00	
Live Oak .....	150.00	
		<u>\$925.00</u>

## Crowley District—

Sulphur .....	\$100.00	
Grand Cheniere .....	50.00	
St. Martinsville .....	225.00	
Jennings .....	200.00	
Prudhomme .....	50.00	
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		\$625.00

## Monroe District—

Eros .....	\$150.00	
Bastrop .....	150.00	
Florence .....	125.00	
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		\$425.00

## New Orleans District—

Epworth .....	\$175.00	
Parker Memorial .....	200.00	
Slidell .....	100.00	
Mary Werlein .....	300.00	
Second Church .....	200.00	
Bogalousa .....	400.00	
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		\$1,375.00

## Shreveport District—

Ida .....	\$100.00	
De Ridder .....	150.00	
Provencal .....	100.00	
Mooringsport .....	100.00	
Hornbeck .....	50.00	
Texas Avenue .....	150.00	
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		\$650.00

(Signed) W. B. THOMSON, Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. John T. Sawyer, nominee for Conference Missionary Evangelist, addressed the Conference.

R. H. Wynn presented the report of the Committee on Church Publications.

S. S. Keener moved that the report be amended by striking out the four year provision for members of the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The motion prevailed, and the report as amended was received and adopted as follows:

No arm of the service of the Church is more necessary to its preservation than the machinery for the dissemination of the truths for which it stands, and for the supply of wholesome literature to meet the increasing demands of a reading people.

The general growth of education and intelligence demands a corresponding advance of knowledge of the essential truths of the gospel. In an age of various vagaries of thought, the people must be grounded in the truth through the circulation of suitable literature.

In a period of multitudinous publications of all grades of goodness and badness, which are being read by our people, a high class of books and periodicals must be provided to counteract the influence of that which is pernicious or inane.

In the attempt to meet this demand, the present circulation of our literature is very much below what it ought to be.

The "Quarterly Review" is a high class periodical, barely self-supporting, and ought to be on the table of every preacher and thinking layman.

The "Nashville Christian Advocate," we are glad to note, has a slightly increased subscription list, and we are glad to commend it to our people as a strong religious journal.

Our young people have in the "Epworth Era," a paper of high order, and it is a matter of regret that it is being published at a loss.

Our Sunday School literature is steadily improving in quality, and is not surpassed by that of any other Church or publishing house.

The "New Orleans Christian Advocate," the organ of the work in our Conference, ought to be in the hands of at least every official member. We are glad to learn that the subscription list, while very little larger than at the last Conference, is in a healthier condition, representing a more permanent constituency. A considerable increase in the list might have been maintained if the preachers had been careful to secure renewals of the clubs previously sent in.

We recommend that the rule of the Conference that requires that one member of the Publishing Committee be retired each year be repealed.

We further recommend that N. E. Joyner, W. W. Drake and J. M. Henry be appointed as the Publishing Committee.

(Signed) R. H. WYNN, Secretary.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Church Extension was adopted as follows:

In view of the strategic importance of the First Church, New Orleans, and in view of its great need for financial aid, in liquidating its large indebtedness, we recommend that this Conference endorse the application of the First Church for a donation at the hands of the General Board of Church Extension.

(Signed) J. D. HARPER,  
P. O. LOWREY.

The report of the Epworth League Board was presented by M. C. Holt and received and adopted as follows:

To the Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

We rejoice that the Epworth League continues to grow in numbers and in usefulness; that by its fruits of service and the deepening of the spirituality of its members, it has fully demonstrated its right to a place among the organizations of the Church.

Your Board makes the following recommendations:

First, that the Presiding Elders give places to League work on the programs of district conferences and that the President of the Board be appointed to see that speakers are selected to present the work of the League.

Second, that our Board gladly co-operates with the other Conference Boards in arranging institutes in the several districts.

Third, that we heartily endorse the Seashore Assembly for Christian Workers and urge churches to send delegates to the Assembly next summer. And further that the Secretary of the Epworth League Assembly and members of this Board make a canvass as far as practicable.

Fourth, that C. D. Atkinson, M. C. Holt, E. C. Garland, H. G. Todd and Miss L. Ueber be appointed a committee to consider the advisability of re-organizing the State League Conference and to prepare a program.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) M. C. HOLT, Secretary.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?—was resumed.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. M. Alford from the Mississippi Conference.

The Committee on Prison Work and Reform was announced by the Bishop as follows: John A. Rice, Chairman; A. I. Townsley, J. L. Sutton, W. W. Holmes, H. H. White.

The Board of Education made the following nominations for the Board of Trustees of Mansfield College, which were confirmed by the Conference on motion: K. W. Dodson, J. L. P. Sheppard, N. E. Joyner, R. H. Wynn, W. W. Drake, Briscoe Carter, S. S. Keener, C. B. Hicks, L. A. Cowley, S. A. Kidd, J. C. Joyner, C. M. Roberts, Walter Phillip, S. B. McCutcheon, A. F. Jackson, J. L. Palmer.

The Committee on Title to Property in Bienville Parish was changed as follows, on motion: Briscoe Carter was added to the Committee, and W. Wooten was put in place of W. P. Theuss, deceased.

It was moved by Briscoe Carter that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30 this afternoon. The motion prevailed.

After signing the doxology and receiving the benediction, Conference adjourned by rule.

#### Afternoon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Ward in the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Bishop, and consisted of reading II Corinthians iv., singing Hymn 388—"A Charge to Keep I Have"—and prayer led by Rev. F. S. Parker.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, in session assembled, do hereby extend our hearty thanks to the good people of Ruston for their hospitable entertainment and many courtesies; to Rev. A. G. Shankle, the Conference host, for his assiduous care for our every comfort and convenience; to the lodges for the use of their halls for committee meetings; to the press for careful reports of the proceedings; to the Industrial School for the use of a typewriter, and to all others concerned in the entertainment of the Conference.

(Signed)

S. J. DAVIES,  
H. W. MAY,  
THOMAS J. UPTON.

The Bishop appointed as a Commission of Joint Preachers Institute to be held at the Seashore Camp Ground in connection with the Alabama and Mississippi Conferences, Thomas Carter, J. A. Rice and W. W. Holmes.

A. S. J. Neill presented a resolution with reference to Brother Benton's hospitable invitation.

By common consent, the resolution was laid upon the table.

A motion was made by R. W. Tucker, that after the reading of the journal and the answering of Question 46, Conference adjourn sine die.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

**Question 46.**—Where are the preachers stationed this year?—was called.

The Bishop read the following appointments:

#### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

N. E. Joyner, Presiding Elder .....	1		
Alexandria, First Church, H. R. Singleton .....	2	Pollock and Ollo, George D. Purcell .....	1
Alexandria, West End, H. N. Brown .....	1	Plaucheville Circuit, H. T. Young, Supply .....	1
Boyce, H. B. Thomasson .....	1	Simmsport, J. A. Parker .....	2
Bunkie, J. D. Harper .....	1	Somerville and Eden, H. W. Cudd .....	1
Columbia and Clarks, H. O. White .....	3	Selma, W. J. Elliott .....	1
J. R. Roy, Supernumerary.		Tioga, Roland R. Orne .....	1
Chicot, S. S. Bogan .....	1	Trout and Jena, Paul M. Brown	2
Colfax and Montgomery, C. V. Breithaupt .....	2	Standard, H. Armstrong .....	1
Dry Creek, J. A. Taylor, Supply .....	1	Student in Millsaps College, F. J. McCoy.	
Glenmora, W. R. Whatley, Supply .....	1	Student in Millsaps College, L. H. Courtney.	
LeCompte, R. H. Harper .....	3	Financial Field Agent Louisiana Conference Orphanage,	
Natchitoches, M. C. Holt .....	3	C. C. Wier.	
Opelousas, A. W. Turner .....	1	Conference Missionary Secretary, N. E. Joyner.	
Pineville, J. B. Turner .....	1		

#### ARCADIA DISTRICT.

Briscoe Carter, Presiding Elder .....	4		
Arcadia, Weems Wooton .....	1	Lanesville, Thomas Randle ...	1
Benton, J. M. Brown .....	4	Lisbon, Robert Randle .....	2
Bernice, J. P. McDonald .....	1	Minden, R. H. Wynn .....	2
Bienville, S. J. Davis ...	1	North Bossier, T. J. Holladay..	3
Cotton Valley, A. A. Bernard..	1	Ringgold, A. R. Hoffpauir.....	1
Gibbsland, W. F. Henderson...	2	Ruston, A. G. Shankle .....	2
Haughton Circuit, J. F. Waltman .....	2	T. M. Wafer, Supernumerary.	
Haynesville, W. T. Woodward.	1	Simmsboro, C. F. Sheppard...	1
Homer, W. H. Coleman .....	1	Vernon, J. L. Lay, Supply.....	1
Jonesboro, L. A. Humphries..	2	Winfield Station, A. S. J. Neill.	1

#### CROWLEY DISTRICT.

J. M. Henry, Presiding Elder .....	2		
Abbeville, J. I. Hoffpauir .....	1	Jennings, C. A. Battle .....	1
Crowley, W. W. Drake .....	3	Lafayette, C. C. Miller .....	1
Eunice, S. D. Howard .....	1	Lake Arthur, L. N. Hoffpauir..	1
Franklin, R. W. Vaughan .....	2	Lake Charles, O. A. Thrower..	3
French Mission, M. Hebert....	8	Morgan City, S. S. Keener ....	2
Grand Cheniere, To be Supplied.		New Iberia, C. W. Carter.....	2
Gueydan, J. W. Booth .....	1	Patterson, J. F. Patterson.....	1
Indian Bayou, F. P. Morse, Supply .....	1	Prudhomme, T. M. Burgess....	1
Jeanerette, W. L. Doss, Jr.....	1	Rayne, A. F. Vaughan .....	1
		Sulphur, J. D. Nesom .....	1
		St. Martinsville, John Sholars..	1

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

R. W. Tucker, Presiding Elder ..... 4

Baton Rouge, First Church, E. K. Means .....	4	Mount Hermon, T. D. Lipscomb 1	
Baton Rouge, Second Church, J. S. Purcell .....	1	Amite City, L. C. Wilson .....	3
Baker, J. M. Alford .....	1	Independence, J. E. Craig.....	2
Zachary and Slaughter, W. D. Kleinschmidt .....	1	Ponchatoula, William Schuhle. 1	
St. Francisville, E. L. Cargill..	1	Hammond, J. W. Tinnin .....	1
Jackson, J. A. McCormick..	1	Port Vincent, H. C. Murphy	
Ethel, W. J. Newsom .....	2	(Sup.) .....	1
Clinton, F. M. Freeman .....	1	Live Oak, F. N. Sweeney.....	1
Wilson, P. H. Fontaine .....	3	Pine Grove, J. S. Rutledge....	4
East Feliciana, J. W. Harper..	1	Melville, J. W. Lee.....	2
St. Helena, J. P. Haney .....	3	Jacoby and New Roads, G. P.	
Kentwood, S. L. Riggs .....	2	White, Supply .....	1
Franklinton, W. R. Harvell....	3	Chaplain to State Penitentiary,	
		J. L. Sutton.	
		Student at Millsaps College, M.	
		H. Honeycutt.	

MONROE DISTRICT.

J. E. Denson, Presiding Elder ..... 2

Bastrop, H. G. Roberts .....	1	Harrisonburg, D. C. Barr.....	1
Bonita, J. G. Sloane .....	1	Lake Providence, J. R. Moore..	1
Brookland, Dennis Fordham,		Mer Rouge, J. O. Bennett .....	2
Supply .....	2	Mangum, S. W. B. Colvin, Jr...	1
Downsville, H. B. Vandenburg.	1	Monroe, H. G. Davis .....	2
Eros, J. J. Kelly .....	1	Rayville, B. H. Sheppard .....	2
Florence, S. J. Davies .....	1	Tallulah, R. A. Davis .....	2
Farmerville, A. J. Coburn.....	1	Winnsboro, W. H. Hatfield....	4
Floyd, W. G. Roberts .....	2	West Monroe, W. L. Hunter... 1	
Gilbert, J. B. Fulton .....	3	Waterproof, H. W. May .....	3

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

F. N. Parker, Presiding Elder ..... 2

Algiers, J. F. Foster .....	1	Parker Memorial, C. D. Atkin-	
Bogalusa, H. W. Bowman .....	1	son .....	1
Covington, H. N. Harrison ....	1	Rayne Memorial, J. A. Rice..	2
Donaldsonville and Vacherie,		Second Church, A. I. Towns-	
E. P. Craddock .....	2	ley .....	2
McDonoghville and Lower		Plaquemine and White Castle,	
Coast, H. Whitehead .....	2	T. M. Buley .....	1
L. E. Wicht, Supply .....	1	Slidell Circuit, T. B. Peters,	
New Orleans—		Supply .....	1
Carrollton Avenue, H. T.		Professor in Vanderbilt Uni-	
Carley .....	1	versity, Thomas Carter.	
Epworth, L. A. Sims .....	1	Professor in Vanderbilt Uni-	
Felicity Street and Douglas		versity, Henry Beach Carre.	
Mission, A. S. Lutz .....	2	Assistant Secretary Epworth	
First Church, J. E. Wray....	4	League, Fitzgerald Sale	
E. N. Evans, Supernumerary.		Parker.	
Louisiana Avenue, W. W.		Conference Missionary Evange-	
Holmes .....	1	list, J. T. Sawyer.	
Mary Werlein, R. L. Harrell,		Medical Work in Korean Mis-	
Supply.		sion, J. W. Reed.	



## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

T. J. Warlick, Presiding Elder..... 2

Bon Ami .....	1	Many, P. O. Lowrey .....	2
Coushatta and Campiti, C. F. Staples .....	1	Mooringsport, R. S. Isbell ....	2
DeRidder, B. T. Crews .....	2	Pelican and Robeline, A. H. Parker .....	1
Greenwood, W. A. Betts .....	1	Pleasant Hill, H. J. Boltz.....	1
Grand Cane, J. B. Williams....	1	Provencal, F. R. Powers .....	1
Hornbeck, G. S. Roberts, Supply .....	2	Shreveport, First Church, F. R. Hill .....	2
Ida, H. S. Johns .....	3	Shreveport, Texas Avenue, A. C. Holder .....	1
Keachie, C. M. Morris .....	1	Shreveport, City Mission, R. J. Harp .....	2
La Chute and Atkins, R. O. Wier .....	1	Wesley, T. J. Martin, Supply..	3
Leesville, W. H. Benton .....	3	Zwolle, J. M. Weems .....	3
Mansfield, K. W. Dodson .....	3	Professor in Mansfield College, W. A. Betts.	
Mansfield Circuit, R. H. Bam- burg, Supply .....	1		

Transferred: L. I. McCain to New Mexico Conference; G. W. Hiveley, to Little Rock Conference; O. J. Rainey to Mississippi Conference; R. A. Holloway, to West Texas Conference; W. E. Boggs, to Northwest Texas Conference.

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced, and Conference adjourned sine die.

## CONDENSED MINUTES.

**Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?**

Answer—J. B. Turner, C. V. Breithaupt, F. J. McCoy, H. W. Cudd, W. J. Elliott, L. H. Courtney, L. A. Sims, C. A. Battle, W. J. Newsom, R. R. Orne, C. F. Sheppard, J. W. Tinnen, C. M. Morris, F. R. Power.

**Question 2.—Who remain on trial?**

Answer—M. H. Honeycutt, J. W. Reed, T. D. Lipscomb, J. A. McCormick, J. E. Craig, W. L. Doss, Jr., J. W. Harper, John Sholars, J. S. Purcell.

**Question 3.—Who are discontinued?**

Answer—Geo. L. Harper.

**Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?**

Answer—T. J. Holladay, S. W. B. Colvin, J. B. Fulton, R. H. Harper, T. M. Burgess, H. G. Roberts.

**Question 5.—Who are readmitted?**

Answer—None.

**Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?**

Answer—R. S. Collier, from the West Texas Conference; W. A. Betts, from the South Carolina Conference; J. P. McDonald, from the St. Louis Conference; J. M. Alford, from the Mississippi Conference.

**Question 7.—Who are deacons of one year?**

Answer—H. N. Harrison, J. A. McCormick, J. W. Harper, F. M. Freeman, A. A. Bernard, M. C. Holt, J. W. Booth, A. I. Townsley, A. R. Hoffpauir, T. M. Wafer (Class of Fourth Year), J. L. Sutton, W. L. Hunter (Class of Third Year).

**Question 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?**

Answer—Thomas Jefferson Holladay, Samuel William B. Colvin, Jesse Ben Fulton, Robert Henry Harper, Thomas Milton Burgess.

**Question 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?**

Answer—Thomas Jefferson Holladay, Samuel William B. Colvin, Jesse Ben Fulton, Robert Henry Harper, Thomas Milton Burgess and Walter Lee Hunter.\*

**Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?**

Answer—Thomas Duncan Lipscomb.

**Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?**

Answer—Thomas Duncan Lipscomb.

**Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?**

Answer—Andrew Jackson Coburn, Joseph Sadler Rutledge, William Walter Holmes, John Dunn Nesom, Lee Ausgood Humphries.

**Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?**

Answer—Andrew Jackson Coburn, Joseph Sadler Rutledge, William Walter Holmes, John Dunn Nesom, Lee Ausgood Humphries and Eugene L. Cargill.†

**Question 14.—What local preachers are elected elders?**

Answer—None.

**Question 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?**

Answer—None.

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\*The statement in the minutes of last year that Brother Hunter was ordained is in error.

†Elected last year to orders, but not present for ordination.

**Question 16.**—Who are located?

Answer—W. E. Akin and R. S. Collier, at their own request.

**Question 17.**—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—E. N. Evans, J. R. Roy, T. M. Wafer, J. C. Sligh.

**Question 18.**—Who are superannuated?

Answer—George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Johnston, J. F. Wynn, F. G. Hocutt, M. G. Jenkins, W. J. Porter, J. A. Miller, T. J. Upton, J. H. Brown, N. S. Cornell, J. L. P. Sheppard and S. H. Whatley.

**Question 19.**—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer—C. T. Munholland, T. K. Fontleroy, T. H. McClendon, R. C. Grace and J. M. Franklin.

**Question 20.**—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—The names of the preachers were called one by one and their characters were passed.

**Question 21.**—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer—Local preachers, 63; members, 32,581.

**Question 22.**—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1,008.

**Question 23.**—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—834.

**Question 24.**—What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

Answer—Senior, 50; Junior, 27; Total, 77.

**Question 25.**—What is the number of Epworth League members?

Answer—Senior, 1,570; Junior, 655. Total, 2,225.

**Question 26.**—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer—325.

**Question 27.**—What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers?

Answer—2,144.

**Question 28.**—What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year?

Answer—21,516.

**Question 29.**—What amount was assessed last year for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—\$7,500.

**Question 30.**—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied.

Answer—\$5,636; see report of Joint Board of Finance, page 20.

**Question 31.**—What has been contributed for missions?

Answer—Foreign—On Assessment, \$6,014.10; Special for Kobe Institute, \$256.25. Total for Foreign Missions, \$6,270.30. Domestic—On Assessment, \$5,584.27; Special for French Mission, \$186.14. Total for Domestic Missions, \$5,770.41. Total Missions, \$12,040.76.

**Question 32.**—What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Answer—\$2,047.

**Question 33.**—What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Answer—\$259.40.

**Question 34.**—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers-in-charge?

Answer—Presiding Elders, \$14,061; Preachers-in-Charge, \$95,165.

**Question 35.**—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Answer—\$1,072.

**Question 36.**—What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them?

Answer—Number of societies, 399; number of houses of worship, 340.

**Question 37.**—What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer—Value, \$923,115; indebtedness, \$73,720.

**Question 38.**—What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them?

Answer—Pastoral charges, 141; parsonages, 111.

**Question 39.**—What is the value of parsonages and the indebtedness thereon?

Answer—Value, \$206,100; indebtedness, \$16,101.

**Question 40.**—What is the number of districts, and what is the number of district parsonages?

Answer—Districts, 7; district parsonages, 4.

**Question 41.**—What is the value of district parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer—Value, \$13,300; indebtedness, \$4,300.

**Question 42.**—What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage?

Answer—Churches, 6; damage, \$11,290.

**Question 43.**—What are the insurance statistics?

Answer—Insurance carried, \$325,650; premiums paid, \$2,484; loss collected, \$5,924.

**Question 44.**—What are the educational statistics?

Answer—Value of college property, \$145,000; pupils in Mansfield College, 100; professors in Mansfield College, 6. Contributed for Conference Education, \$2,744.25. Educational Extension, \$318.

**Question 45.**—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Answer—Leesville.

**Question 46.**—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer—The Bishop read the appointments as given in the Journal. See pages 40-42.

SETH WARD, President.

F. S. PARKER, Secretary.

## APPENDIX.

### A ALPHABETICAL ROLL.

Name.	Name of Charge or Conference Relation.	Post Office Address.
Alford, J. M.	Baker Circuit.	Baker,
Armstrong, H.	Standard.	Olla.
Atkinson, C. D.	Parker Memorial.	New Orleans.
Barr, D. C.	Harrisonburg.	Harrisonburg.
Battle, C. A.	Jennings.	Jennings.
Bennett, J. O.	Mer Rouge.	Mer Rouge.
Benton, W. H.	Leesville.	Leesville.
Bernard, A. A.	Valley Circuit.	Cotton Valley.
Betts, W. A.	Professor in Mansfield College.	Mansfield: Bayou Chicot.
Bogan, S. S.	Chicot.	Pleasant Hill.
Boltz, H. J.	Pleasant Hill.	Gueydan.
Booth, J. W.	Gueydan.	Bogalousa.
Bowman, H. W.	Bogalousa.	Montgomery.
Briethaupt, C. V.	Colfax and Mont- gomery.	Alexandria.
Brown, H. N.	West End, Alexandria.	Ruston.
Brown, J. H.	Superannuated.	Benton.
Brown, J. M.	Benton.	Trout.
Brown, P. M.	Trout and Jena.	Plaquemine.
Buley, T. M.	Plaquemine and White Castle.	Petreville.
Burgess, T. M.	Prudhomme.	St. Francisville.
Cargill, E. L.	St. Francisville.	New Orleans.
Carley, H. T.	Carrollton Avenue.	Nashville, Tenn.
Carre, H. B.	Professor in Vander- bilt University.	Minden.
Carter, Briscoe.	Arcadia District, Pre- siding Elder.	New Iberia.
Carter, C. W.	New Iberia.	Nashville, Tenn.
Carter, Thomas.	Professor in Vander- bilt University.	Farmerville.
Coburn, A. J.	Farmerville.	Homer.
Coleman, W. H.	Homer.	Mangum.
Colvin, S. W. B.	Mangum.	McDade.
Cornell, N. S.	Superannuated.	Jackson, Miss.
Courtney, L. H.	Student in Millsaps College.	Donaldsonville.
Craddock, E. P.	Donaldsonville.	Tickpaw.
Craig, J. E.	Independence.	De Ridder.
Crews, B. T.	De Ridder.	Jena.
Cudd, H. Wade.	Somerville and Eden.	Sicily Island.
Davies, S. J.	Florence.	Monroe.
Davis, H. G.	Monroe.	Tallulah.
Davis, R. A.	Tallulah.	Bienville.
Davis, S. J.	Bienville.	Monroe.
Denson, J. E.	Monroe District, Pre- siding Elder.	

# METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

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Name.	Name of Charge or Conference Relation.	Post Office Address.
Dodson, K. W.	Mansfield.	Mansfield.
Doss, W. L., Jr.	Jeanerette.	Jeanerette.
Drake, W. W.	Crowley.	Crowley.
Elliott, W. J.	Selma.	Selma.
Evans, E. N.	Supernumerary.	New Orleans.
Fontaine, P. H.	Wilson.	Wilson.
Foster, J. F.	Algiers.	New Orleans.
Freeman, F. M.	Clinton.	Clinton.
Fulton, J. B.	Gilbert.	Gilbert.
Haney, J. P.	St. Helena.	Greensburg.
Harp, Robert J.	Shreveport City Mis- sion.	Shreveport.
Harper, J. D.	Bunkie.	Bunkie.
Harper, J. W.	East Feliciana.	Blainstown.
Harper, R. H.	LeCompte.	LeCompte.
Harrison, H. N.	Covington.	Covington.
Harvell, W. R.	Franklinton.	Franklinton.
Hatfield, W. H.	Winnsboro.	Winnsboro.
Hebert, Martin	French Mission.	New Iberia.
Henderson, W. F.	Gibsland.	Gibsland.
Henry, J. M.	Crowley District, Pre- siding Elder.	New Iberia.
Hill, Felix R.	Shreveport, First Church.	Shreveport.
Hocutt, F. G.	Superannuated.	Biloxi, Miss.
Hoffpauir, A. R.	Ringgold.	Ringgold.
Hoffpauir, J. Ivy.	Abbeville.	Abbeville.
Hoffpauir, L. N.	Lake Arthur.	Lake Arthur.
Holder, A. C.	Shreveport, Texas Avenue.	Shreveport.
Holladay, T. J.	North Bossier.	Plain Dealing.
Holmes, W. W.	Louisiana Avenue.	New Orleans.
Holt, M. C.	Natchitoches.	Natchitoches.
Honeycutt, M. H.	Student in Millsaps Collège.	Jackson, Miss.
Howard, S. D.	Eunice.	Eunice.
Humphries, L. A.	Jonesboro.	Jonesboro.
Hunter, W. L.	West Monroe.	West Monroe.
Isbell, R. S.	Mooringsport.	Mooringsport.
Jackson, George.	Superannuated.	LeCompte.
Jenkins, M. G.	Superannuated.	San Antonio, Tex.
Johns, H. S.	Ida.	Ida.
Johnston, J. M.	Superannuated.	Alexandria.
Joyner, N. E.	Alexandria District, Presiding Elder.	Alexandria.
Keener, S. S.	Morgan City.	Morgan City.
Kelley, J. J.	Eros.	Eros.
Kleinschmidt, W. D.	Zachary and Slaughter	Zachary.
Lee, J. W.	Melville.	Melville.
Lipscomb, T. D.	Mount Hermon.	Mount Hermon.
Lowrey, P. O.	Many.	Many.
Lutz, A. S.	Felicity Street and Douglass Mission.	New Orleans.
May, H. W.	Waterproof.	Waterproof.



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McCormick, J. A.	Jackson.	Jackson.
McCoy, F. J.	Student in Millsaps College.	Jackson, Miss.
McDonald, J. P.	Bernice.	Bernice.
Means, E. K.	Baton Rouge, First Church.	Baton Rouge.
Miller, C. C.	Lafayette.	Lafayette.
Miller, John A.	Superannuated.	Perry's Bridge.
Morris, C. M.	Keatchie.	Keatchie.
Murphy, H. C.	Port Vincent.	Port Vincent.
Neill, A. S. J.	Winnfield Station.	Winnfield.
Nesom, J. D.	Sulphur.	Sulphur.
Newsom, W. J.	Ethel.	Ethel.
Orne, R. R.	Tioga.	Atlanta.
Parker, A. H.	Pelican and Robeline.	Pelican.
Parker, F. N.	New Orleans District, Presiding Elder.	New Orleans.
Parker, F. S.	Assistant Editor Ep- worth Era.	Nashville, Tenn.
Parker, J. A.	Simmsport.	Simmsport.
Patterson, J. F.	Patterson.	Patterson.
Porter, W. J.	Superannuated.	Ruston.
Power, F. R.	Provencal.	Provencal.
Purcell, G. D.	Pollock and Olla.	Pollock.
Purcell, J. S.	Baton Rouge, Second Church.	Baton Rouge.
Randle, Robert	Lisbon.	Lisbon.
Randle, T. S.	Lanesville.	Lanesville.
Reed, J. W.	Missionary.	Songdo, Korea.
Rice, J. A.	Rayne Memorial.	New Orleans.
Riggs, S. L.	Kentwood.	Kentwood.
Roberts, H. G.	Bastrop.	Bastrop.
Roberts, W. G.	Floyd.	Floyd.
Roy, J. R.	Supernumerary.	Columbia.
Rutledge, J. S.	Pine Grove.	Pine Grove.
Sawyer, J. T.	Conference Missionary Evangelist.	New Orleans.
Schuhle, Wm.	Ponchatoula.	Ponchatoula.
Shankle, A. G.	Ruston.	Ruston.
Sheppard, B. H.	Rayville.	Rayville.
Sheppard, C. F.	Simsboro.	Simsboro.
Sheppard, J. L. P.	Superannuated.	Mansfield.
Sholars, John	St. Martinville.	St. Martinville.
Sims, L. A.	Epworth Mission.	New Orleans.
Singleton, H. R.	Alexandria, First Church.	Alexandria.
Sligh, J. C.	Supernumerary.	Granberry, Texas.
Sloane, J. G.	Bonita.	Bonita.
Staples, C. F.	Coushatta and Campti	Coushatta.
Sutton, J. L.	Chaplain to State Penitentiary.	Baton Rouge.
Sweeney, F. N.	Live Oak.	Denham Springs.
Tinnin, J. W.	Hammond.	Hammond.
Thomason, H. B.	Boyce.	Boyce.
Thrower, O. A.	Lake Charles.	Lake Charles.
Townsley, A. I.	Second Church.	New Orleans.

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Trippett, R. S.	Superannuated.	Doncaster, England.
Tucker, R. W.	Baton Rouge District, Presiding Elder.	Deer Ford.
Turner, A. W.	Opelousas.	Opelousas.
Turner, J. B.	Pineville.	Pineville.
Upton, Thos. J.	Superannuated.	Minden.
Vandenburg, H. B.	Downsville.	Downsville.
Vaughan, A. F.	Rayne.	Rayne.
Vaughan, K. W.	Franklin.	Franklin.
Wafer, T. M.	Supernumerary.	Ruston.
Waltman, J. F.	Haughton Circuit.	Haughton.
Warlick, T. J.	Shreveport District, Presiding Elder.	Shreveport.
Weems, J. M.	Zwolle.	Zwolle.
Wier, C. C.	Financial Field Agent, Orphanage.	Bunkie.
Wier, R. O.	LaChute and Atkins.	LaChute.
Whatley, S. H.	Superannuated.	Rayville.
White, H. O.	Columbia and Clarks.	Columbia.
Whitehead, H.	McDonoghville and Lower Coast.	New Orleans.
Williams, J. B.	Grand Cane.	Grand Cane.
Wilson, L. C.	Amite City.	Amite City.
Woodward, W. T.	Haynesville.	Haynesville.
Wooton, W.	Arcadia.	Arcadia.
Wray, J. E.	First Church.	New Orleans.
Wynn, J. F.	Superannuated.	Crowley.
Wynn, R. H.	Minden.	Minden.

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Bamberg, R. H.	Mansfield Circuit.	Mansfield.
Fordham, Dennis.	Brookland.	Hoods Hill.
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Lay, J. L.	Vernon.	Vernon.
Martin, T. J.	Wesley.	Ringgold.
Morse, F. P.	Indian Bayou.	Indian Bayou.
Peters, T. B.	Slidel.	Slidel.
Roberts, G. S.	Hornbeck.	Leesville.
Taylor, J. A.	Dry Creek.	Dry Creek.
Wicht, L. E.	McDonoghville and Lower Coast.	New Orleans.
Whatley, W. R.	Glenmora.	Glenmora.
White, G. P.	Jacoby and New Roads.	New Roads.
Young, H. T.	Plancheville Circuit.	Plancheville.

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Abbreviations Used—R, Readmitted; T, Transfer; FC, Full Connection; MPC, Methodist Protestant Church; CPC, Cumberland Presbyterian Church; CMC, Congregational Methodist Church.

No.	Name.	Present Relation	How and when admitted into Louisiana Conference	Ordained	
				Deacon	Elder
1	Miller, John A. ...	Superannuated	T, Dec. 1855	1854	1857
2	Upton, T. J. ....	Superannuated	FC, Feb. 1858	1858	1865
3	Wynn, J. F. ....	Superannuated	FC, Dec. 1859	1859	1865
4	White, H. O. ....	Effective	FC, " 1862	1865	1865
5	Carter, C. W. ....	Effective	FC, " 1863	1865	1865
6	Davis, R. A. ....	Effective	T, Jan. 1871	1866	1870
7	Randle, Robt. ....	Effective	FC, " 1871	1871	1873
8	Brown, J. M. ....	Effective	T, " 1873	1865	1867
9	Trippett, R. S. ....	Superannuated	T, " 1873	1848	1850
10	Jackson, George ...	Superannuated	T, " 1873	1859	1860
11	Johnston, J. M. ....	Superannuated	T, " 1875	1864	1867
12	Cornell, N. S. ....	Superannuated	R, " 1875	1860	1862
13	Isbell, R. S. ....	Effective	FC, " 1875	1874	1875
14	Harper, J. D. ....	Effective	FC, " 1875	1873	1876
15	Randle, T. S. ....	Effective	FC, " 1875	1875	1877
16	Hocutt, F. G. ....	Superannuated	FC, " 1875	....	1875
17	Sawyer, J. T. ....	Effective	FC, Dec. 1875	1875	1876
18	Parker, J. A. ....	Effective	T, " 1876	1864	1864
19	Patterson, J. F. ....	Effective	FC, " 1876	1876	1879
20	Sheppard, J. L. P. .	Superannuated	FC, " 1880	1876	1882
21	Keener, S. S. ....	Effective	FC, " 1880	1880	1883
22	Whatley, S. H. ....	Superannuated	FC, Jan. 1883	1882	1887
23	Harp, R. J. ....	Effective	R, " 1884	1846	1848
24	Davies, S. J. ....	Effective	FC, " 1886	1884	1888
25	Barr, D. C. ....	Effective	FC, " 1886	1886	1888
26	Boltz, H. J. ....	Effective	FC, " 1887	1883	1888
27	Bennett, J. O. ....	Effective	T, " 1888	1886	1889
28	Armstrong, H. ....	Effective	T, " 1888	1877	1879
29	Parker, F. N. ....	Presiding Elder	FC, " 1888	1888	1889
30	Hoffpauir, J. I. ....	Effective	FC, " 1888	1885	1889
31	Johns, H. S. ....	Effective	FC, " 1888	1888	1889
32	May, H. W. ....	Effective	FC, Dec. 1888	1888	1890
33	Parker, F. S. ....	Effective	T, " 1889	1887	1889
34	Henderson, W. F. .	Effective	FC, " 1889	1883	1889
35	Denson, J. E. ....	Presiding Elder	FC, " 1889	1889	1891
36	Porter, W. J. ....	Superannuated	FC, " 1889	1889	1891
37	Williams, J. B. ....	Effective	FC, " 1889	1889	1891
38	Brown, J. H. ....	Superannuated	T, " 1890	1883	1887
39	Foster, J. F. ....	Effective	FC, " 1890	1890	1892
40	Kelley, J. J. ....	Effective	FC, " 1890	1890	1893
41	Staples, C. F. ....	Effective	FC, " 1890	1890	1892
42	Schuhle, Wm. ....	Effective	FC, " 1891	1891	1893
43	Drake, W. W. ....	Effective	R, " 1892	1890	1893
44	Henry, J. M. ....	Presiding Elder	FC, " 1892	1891	1893
45	Crews, B. T. ....	Effective	T, " 1893	1880	1882
46	Jenkins, M. G. ....	Superannuated	T, " 1893	1861	1870
47	Sheppard, B. H. ....	Effective	FC, " 1893	1890	1895
48	Bogan, S. S. ....	Effective	FC, " 1893	1893	1898

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				Deacon	Elder
49	Tucker, R. W.....	Presiding Elder ...	T, " 1894	1890	1893
50	Brown, P. M.....	Effective .....	T, " 1894	1893	1896
51	Haney, J. P.....	Effective .....	T, " 1894	1893	1895
52	Evans, E. N.....	Supernumerary ....	T, " 1894	1881	1884
53	Wynn, R. H.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1894	1893	1896
54	Lee, J. W.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1895	1895	1898
55	Benton, W. H.....	Effective .....	FC, Dec. 1896	1894	1902
56	Miller, C. C.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1896	1896	1898
57	Vaughan, R. W....	Effective .....	FC, " 1896	1896	1898
58	Hatfield, W. H....	Effective .....	FC, Jan. 1898	1898	1899
59	Carter, Thomas....	Effective .....	FC, " 1898	1894	1902
60	Turner, A. W.....	Effective .....	FC, Dec. 1898	1898	1900
61	Neill, A. S. J.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1898	1894	1901
62	Wier, C. C.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1898	1898	1900
63	Lowrey, P. O.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1898	1896	1900
64	Thomason, H. B...	Effective .....	FC, " 1898	1898	1901
65	Dodson, K. W.....	Effective .....	T, " 1899	1892	1894
66	Woodward, W. T..	Effective .....	FC, " 1899	1892	1903
67	Sweeney, F. N.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1899	1900	1902
68	Moore, J. R.....	Effective .....	T, " 1900	1879	1881
69	Coburn, A. J.....	Effective .....	T, " 1900	1899	1907
70	Purcell, G. D.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1900	1898	1903
71	Hebert, Martin ...	Effective .....	FC, " 1900	1900	1904
72	Harvell, W. R.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1900	1898	1906
73	Carter, Brisco.....	Presiding Elder ...	T, " 1901	1889	1891
74	Atkinson, C. D....	Effective .....	FC, " 1901	1898	1903
75	Roberts, W. G.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1901	1895	1906
76	Brown, H. N.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1901	1901	1903
77	Sloane, J. G.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1901	1901	1906
78	Davis, H. G.....	Effective .....	T, " 1902	1885	1887
79	Roy, J. R.....	Supernumerary ....	T, " 1902	1892	1895
80	Wilson, L. C.....	Effective .....	T, " 1903	1891	1896
81	Warlick, T. J.....	Presiding Elder ...	T, " 1903	1885	1887
82	Means, E. K.....	Effective .....	T, " 1903	1902	1906
83	Bowman, H. W....	Effective .....	T, " 1903	1893	1895
84	Joyner, N. E.....	Presiding Elder ...	T, " 1903	1893	1897
85	Waltman, J. F.....	Effective .....	MPC, " 1903	1899	1899
86	Cargill, E. L.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1903	1903	1906
87	Kleinschmit, W. D.	Effective .....	FC, " 1903	1902	1906
88	Weems, J. M.....	Effective .....	T, " 1904	1881	1883
89	Holder, A. C.....	Effective .....	T, " 1904	1899	1901
90	Sligh, J. C.....	Supernumerary ....	T, " 1904	1901	1904
91	Wier, R. O.....	Effective .....	T, " 1904	1886	1889
92	Wray, J. E.....	Effective .....	T, " 1904	1889	1891
93	Wafer, T. M.....	Supernumerary ....	R, " 1904	....	....
94	Hoffpauir, L. N....	Effective .....	MPC, " 1904	....	....
95	Howard, S. D.....	Third Year Class...	CPC, " 1904	....	....
96	Carre, H. B.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1904	1897	1901
97	Riggs, S. L.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1904	1900	1906
98	Coleman, W. H....	Effective .....	FC, " 1904	1904	1906
99	Craddock, E. P....	Effective .....	T, " 1904	1889	1891
100	Nesom J. D.....	Effective .....	FC, " 1904	1904	1907
101	Thrower, O. A....	Effective .....	T, Jan. 1906	1877	1879
102	Buley, T. M.....	Effective .....	T, " 1906	....	1900

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				Deacon	Elder
103	Davis, S. J.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1900	1905
104	Fontaine, P. H....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1898	1902
105	Whitehead, H.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1899	1900
106	Parker, A. H.....	Effective .....	CMC, .. 1906	....	....
107	Sutton, J. L.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1902	....
108	Rutledge, J. S.....	Effective .....	FC, .. 1906	1901	1907
109	Freeman, F. M....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1906	....
110	Holmes, W. W....	Effective .....	FC, .. 1906	1906	1906
111	Hill, Felix R.....	Effective .....	T, Dec. 1906	1865	1867
112	Rice, J. A.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1888	1890
113	Singleton, H. R....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1897	1899
114	Shankle, A. G.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1897	1899
115	Vaughan, A. F.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1901	1901
116	Humphries, L. A...	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1904	1907
117	Wooton, W.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	....	....
118	Lutz, A. S.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1894	1902
119	Carley, H. T.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1906	1903	1906
120	Bernard, A. A.....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1902	....
121	Hunter, W. L.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1907	....
122	Hoffpauir, A. R....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1906	....
123	Holt, M. C.....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1904	....
124	Townsley, A. I....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1904	....
125	Harrison, H. N....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1906	....
126	Booth, J. W.....	Fourth Year Class..	FC, .. 1906	1904	....
127	Roberts, H. G.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1906	....
128	Holladay, T. J....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1907	....
129	Fulton, J. B.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1907	....
130	Colvin, S. W. B....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1907	....
131	Harper, R. H.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1907	....
132	Burgess, T. M.....	Third Year Class..	FC, .. 1907	1907	....
133	Alford, J. M.....	Effective .....	T, .. 1907	1894	1902
134	McDonald, J. P....	Effective .....	T, .. 1907	....	....
135	Honeycutt, M. H...	Second Year Class..	On Trial	1903	....
136	Harper, J. W.....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	1906	....
137	Doss, W. L., Jr....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	....	....
138	Sholars, John.....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	....	....
139	Purcell, J. S.....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	....	....
140	Lipscomb, T. D....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	....	....
141	J. W. Reed .....	Second Year Class..	On Trial	....	....
142	Craig, J. E.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
143	McCormick, J. A..	First Year Class... On Trial	....	1906	....
144	Turner, J. B.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
145	Briethaupt, C. V...	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
146	McCoy, F. J.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
147	Cudd, H. Wade....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
148	Elliott, W. J.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
149	Courtney, L. H....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
150	Sims, L. A.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
151	Battle, C. A.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
152	Newsom, W. J....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
153	Orne, R. R.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
154	Sheppard, C. F....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
155	Tinnin, J. W.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
156	Morris, C. M.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....
157	Power, F. R.....	First Year Class... On Trial	....	....	....

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W. R. Harvell, J. G. Sloan.

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C. W. Carter, Chairman.  
B. T. Crewes, J. A. Parker, J. F. Foster, B. H. Sheppard, R. W. Tucker, N. E. Joyner.

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Admission on Trial—P. M. Brown, Chairman; W. H. Coleman, J. O. Bennett.

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Fourth Year.—R. H. Wynn, Chairman; W. W. Drake, W. Schuhle.

F COMMITTEES.

(Elected Annually.)

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

W. W. Drake, R. H. Wynn, H. W. Bowman, J. E. Wray, A. S. J. Neill, Felix R. Hill.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

C. D. Atkinson, R. T. McClendon, A. S. Lutz.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

W. Wooton, P. O. Lowrey, E. K. Means.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Briscoe Carter, A. G. Shankle.

MEMOIRS.

S. J. Davies, J. L. Lay, H. O. White, S. S. Keener.

TEMPERANCE.

R. W. Vaughan, R. O. Wier, J. J. Kelly.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

P. M. Brown, J. B. Williams, C. W. Carter, J. W. Lee, C. D. Atkinson, W. H. Hatfield, K. W. Dodson.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE, NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN  
ADVOCATE.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE INSTITUTE.

H. B. Carre, Thos. Carter, R. H. Wynn.

## COMMITTEE TO SECURE TITLE.

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## COMMISSION ON JOINT PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Thomas Carter, J. A. Rice, W. W. Holmes.

## COMMITTEE ON JOINT INSTITUTES.

W. W. Drake, W. S. Holmes, P. M. Brown, N. E. Joyner, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.

COMMITTEE ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF STATE LEAGUE  
CONFERENCE.

C. D. Atkinson, M. C. Holt, E. C. Garland, H. G. Todd, Miss L. Ueber.

## COMMISSION CONFERENCE CORRELATED SCHOOL SYSTEM.

W. L. Weber, O. S. Dean, K. W. Dodson, R. H. Wynn, Briscoe Carter.

## COMMITTEE ON PRISON WORK AND REFORM.

John A. Rice, A. I. Townsley, J. L. Sutton, W. S. Holmes, H. H. White.

## G CONFERENCE CLASSES FOR 1908.

First Year—J. A. McCormick, J. E. Craig, J. B. Turner, C. V. Breithaupt, F. J. McCoy, H. W. Cudd, W. J. Elliott, L. H. Courtney, L. A. Sims, C. A. Battle, W. J. Newson, R. R. Orne, C. F. Sheppard, J. W. Tinnin, C. M. Morris, F. R. Power.

Second Year—M. H. Honeycutt, T. D. Lipscomb, W. L. Doss, Jr.; J. W. Harper, John Sholars, J. S. Purcell, J. W. Reed.

Third Year—T. J. Holladay, S. W. B. Colvin, J. B. Fulton, R. H. Harper, T. M. Burgess, H. G. Roberts, A. H. Parker, S. D. Howard, W. L. Hunter, J. L. Sutton.

Fourth Year—T. M. Wafer, A. R. Hoffpauir, F. M. Freeman, A. A. Bernard, M. C. Holt, J. W. Booth, A. I. Townsley, H. N. Harrison.

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APPORTIONMENTS OF CONFERENCE AND CONNECTIONAL  
ASSESSMENTS.

District.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.	Educational Extension.	Conference Education.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Minutes.	General Conference Delegates.
Alexandria ..	1,102	1,102	530	130	520	175	859	45	88
Arcadia .....	1,355	1,355	600	160	625	215	1,105	55	100
Baton Rouge ..	1,355	1,355	600	125	525	185	945	45	82
Crowley .....	1,185	1,185	607	185	705	255	1,306	65	88
Monroe .....	1,016	1,016	432	135	500	205	1,043	55	88
New Orleans ..	1,102	1,102	594	195	775	265	1,366	65	79
Shreveport ....	1,355	1,355	642	215	850	270	1,376	70	100
Total .....	8,470	8,470	4,008	1,145	4,500	1,570	8,000	400	625

**I , REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.**

To the Board of Education, Louisiana Conference, M. E. Church, South:  
 ... Following is the exhibit of the work placed in my hands, at the last session of the Conference, with my appointment as Secretary and Commissioner of Education:

Received for College Building, all sources .....	\$30,409.47
Total cost of building .....	\$31,960.00
Salary and expenses of Commissioner .....	3,450.00
Insurance and incidentals .....	2,499.44
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	\$37,909.47

Total encumbrance on building ..... 7,500.00

The value of the College grounds and building is \$60,000.

Respectfully,

W. E. BOGGS,

Secretary and Commissioner of Education.

**J MINISTERS' EDUCATION AID ASSOCIATION.**

The Ministers' Education Aid Association takes pleasure in reporting that during the past year they gave financial assistance to Rev. R. M. Brown, student of Millsaps College, and that during the coming year assistance will be granted to two students.

During its existence of thirteen years, the Association has rendered timely help to young men preparing for the ministry.

Applicants for assistance through college should be recommended to the Board by the District Conference of which they are members and their application and recommendation forwarded to the president.

Officers are as follows, viz: President, John F. Foster; Vice-President, W. W. Drake; Secretary, R. H. Wynn; Treasurer, F. S. Parker; Executive Committee, J. M. Henry, Wm. Schuhle and W. W. Drake.

(Signed) JOHN F. FOSTER, President.

**K****REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.**

To the Louisiana Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

The Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home of the Louisiana Annual Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg to submit the following report:

The Board met the first time on January 7, 1907, seven members and a quorum being present, and organized by electing the following officers, viz: S. D. Pearce, President; H. W. Bowman, Vice-President; A. G. Shankle, Secretary, and J. H. Mays, Jr., Treasurer.

A committee composed of Briscoe Carter, R. H. Wynn and C. M. Roberts was appointed to draft a charter and articles of incorporation for the Board, which was done and the incorporation perfected on February 19, 1907, at a call meeting of the Board, seven members and a quorum being present. At this meeting an executive committee, composed of Briscoe Carter, S. D. Pearce and A. G. Shankle, as appointed to transact business during the interim of Board meetings. The same parties were also appointed a committee to draft rules and by-laws for the incorporation, and to report when ready. At this meeting also a committee on plans was appointed, composed of Briscoe Carter, R. H. Wynn and H. W. Bowman.

At a subsequent meeting the committee on plans submitted a report and accompanied the same with a set of plans entirely satisfactory to the Board, and the same was adopted after a full and free discussion, and a building committee was appointed, composed of J. J. Johnson, H. W. Bowman and A. G. Shankle, and instructed to begin work on the building at the earliest practical date. This committee has not been idle in the meanwhile. It having been resolved by the Board that we would erect the Home with day labor instead of by contract, orders for materials have been placed, a competent and satisfactory workman has been employed to superintend it, and within a short time we expect to break dirt for the Home, and from then on the work to be rapidly pressed to completion.

At a recent meeting of the Board, a resolution was passed by this Board recommending to your Conference now in session the re-appointment of the three following named members of this Board of Trustees, whose terms expire with the adjournment of this session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, viz: C. M. Roberts, R. H. Wynn and Briscoe Carter, which resolution we most respectfully request your favorable action upon.

Your Board also herewith respectfully places in your hands a copy of the charter and articles of incorporation of the Orphans Home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. PEARCE,

President of the Board of Trustees,

#### L REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

New Orleans District .....	\$1,046.76
Baton Rouge District .....	305.51
Crowley District .....	551.56
Alexandria District .....	396.02
Shreveport District .....	880.41
Arcadia District .....	343.55
Monroe District .....	91.35
Special Contributions .....	44.00
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	\$3,659.16

Minden, La., December 4, 1907.

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

#### M REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Rev. R. H. Wynn, Chairman, Board of Education, Louisiana Conference:

Dear Sir:—We desire to submit the following report, or resume, of the work of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, for the Conference year just closing.

In submitting this report we desire to state that a great deal of the work done by this Board has been ancillary to that of the Commissioner of Education, Rev. Dr. Boggs, appointed by the Annual Conference at Shreveport, December, 1906, in giving to him, from time to time, such official and personal assistance as the exigencies of the situation seemed to demand. Throughout the year, we have co-operated with the Commissioner in all phases of his work in contracting for, and erecting, the new College building, and, while we would not underestimate in the least that very valuable work of the Commis-

sioner, yet, we believe we can, with modesty and propriety say, and that he will corroborate the statement, that, but for the hearty co-operation and financial assistance of the Board, and of its individual members, the work he has accomplished in the erection of the handsome building which we now have, would have been greatly embarrassed, if, indeed, not impossible.

As soon as the Board saw that the completion of the building in time for the opening of the Fall Session was an assured fact, we set to work, vigorously, through our Committee on Faculty, consisting of Dr. Felix R. Hill, Chairman; Jas. J. Booth and W. L. Foster, to secure a President. After the most earnest and vigilant efforts on the part of our Committee, we were unable, then, to secure a President in time to begin the college work in the Fall, as we had hoped to do. In view of these facts, after a very careful consideration of the subject, the Board was of the unanimous opinion that we could not open the College for students this Fall, as we had desired, and, accordingly, we decided to postpone the opening until 1908. We then set to work to secure a man for the Presidency, who should take active hold upon the work now as he finds it, enter the field for the three-fold purpose of arousing a greater interest in Centenary work among our Louisiana Methodists, securing finances for more and better buildings, and soliciting patronage for the opening of the new Centenary in 1908. We, accordingly, after earnest solicitation on the part of our Faculty Committee, secured as our President, Professor W. L. Weber, of Emory College, Georgia. He comes to us with highest endorsements from all sources, and has already entered into the work with a spirit and earnestness that betoken success. We sought him because of his record, and we confidently believe that time will prove the wisdom of our action.

If President Weber can have the assistance and active co-operation of our Louisiana Methodists, not to mention the friends of Education outside of our Methodist brethren, his success is assured, and the new Centenary will become an institution of which we shall all be justly proud. We have already an excellent building and we must have others. We have raised considerable money, but we must raise more. There is already considerable interest manifested in our work. There must be a much greater interest, which shall not be less than the full capacity of the friends and supporters of education in our Louisiana Methodism.

Briefly stated, our financial situation is as follows: We have thirty-six acres of land within our borders, on which stands a new and commodious brick building which cost \$31,960. The property is situated in the Gladstone Addition in the suburbs of the city of Shreveport, which is destined to have a population of 50,000 people within the next decade. There is not one cent of incumbrance upon our property, save and except, a builder's lien for \$7500, which is now being carried by one of our local banks: Aside from this, we owe less than \$8,000, and \$7,500 of this indebtedness is carried, for the present, by a number of the individual members of our Board. We have, in subscriptions and notes maturing in 1908 and 1909, in round numbers \$14,000, and we receive from the voluntary Tax List of the city of Shreveport, on the present basis of assessment, more than \$3,000 per annum.

Let us be hopeful and active, and make the New Centenary better, bigger and grander than ever.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WELSH,

President Board of Trustees Centenary College.



## N MEMOIRS.

## REV. T. K. FAUNTLEROY.

Rev. T. Kenlock Fauntleroy, oldest son of John F. and Lavinia B. Fauntleroy, was born at White Fort, Clark County, Virginia, August 29th, 1837, and departed this life at the home of his step-son, Dr. W. H. Morgan, in the town of Keatchie, La., April 29th, 1907, at ten o'clock p. m.

He was first married to Miss A. A. Bright, daughter of Rev. J. E. Bright, D. D., of Tennessee. She lived only a few years and was called from labor to rest. His second marriage was to Mrs. E. H. Morgan, daughter of John Y. Young, M. D. This marriage was solemnized December 24th, 1877, in the town of Magnolia, Ark.

He professed religion in the town of Minden, La., under the ministry of the Rev. N. A. Cravens, who was at that time assisting in the meeting that was being held by Rev. H. O. White, who was then Pastor of the Minden charge. He was received into the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. H. O. White during the month of October, 1873. He was admitted on trial into the Louisiana Conference in January, 1877, and was admitted into full connection in January, 1879; was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire in the Felicity Street Church, New Orleans, La., in the same year; was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Keener in the First Church, Shreveport, La., in 1881. During his active relation to the Conference he served the following charges: Plaquemine and Grosse Teete, 1878, 1879, 1880; Franklin Station, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884; Baton Rouge Station, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888; Ruston Station, 1889, 1890; Alexandria Station, 1891; Mansfield Station, 1892, 1893; Felicity Street Church, New Orleans, 1894, 1895; Morgan City and Berwick, 1896, 1897; Opelousas Station, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901; Natchitoches Station, 1902, 1903, 1904; Colfax Station, 1905. This was his last charge; here his health gave way completely and at the end of this year he was superannuated, and so continued until his departure from earth to heaven. Brother Fauntleroy wrought well building and repairing churches and parsonages, filling Circuits and Stations with great acceptability. Many souls were led to Christ under his ministry.

Brother Fauntleroy came to Louisiana in 1862 to take charge or command of the left of the Semmes Battery of Light Artillery, was promoted to the position of Captain and served upon the staff of Lieutenant-General S. B. Buckner as inspector of artillery and assistant chief of General Buckner's Division. As a soldier he made a reputation for bravery and daring. He never faltered in the discharge of any duty that was imposed upon him. He was equally as faithful in the Lord's army; he never shrank from any duty that was imposed upon him by the Church.

He was laid to rest in the Minden Cemetery, in the presense of loved ones and many sorrowing friends, to wait the morning of the general resurrection where we will all meet by and by on the banks of Eternal Deliverance.

H. J. BOLTZ.

## REV. J. M. FRANKLIN.

Rev. J. M. Franklin was born on the fourteenth of September, 1836, in what was known as the "Anacoco Settlement" in Natchitoches (now Vernon) Parish, and his early character is interwoven with the best of the history of this section of the country. When eighteen years of

age he evinced a perfect faith, and entire trust in the infinite goodness of God, recognized the beauty and simplicity of the teachings of the "Man of Gallilee," and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and in 1860 was licensed to preach. He was one of the pioneer preachers of the Shreveport District, always uncompromising with sin in any form. Manly, earnest, courageous, he knew no faltering when duty called, and under the benign influence and example of a pure and upright life, the churches under his care prospered and flourished spiritually.

It was in 1870 that Brother Franklin moved to Fort Jessup and became so intimately associated with the people of Sabine, visiting the homes, performing marriage ceremonies in the families, baptising the children, burying those whom God had called to a higher life, encouraging a meek submission to His will and restoring peace to the troubled and bereaved bosom. In this field and in this manner did he labor until 1887, when he became interested in the educational advancement of his parish. Not content with the duties that lay along his track, but with a longing to secure better educational facilities for the youth of his community, he located at his own request, undertook the securing of funds and construction of the Fort Jessup Masonic Institute, which stands as a monument to his energy and industry. In order to more effectually carry his designs for higher education to a successful termination he finally succeeded in having the institution transferred to the Parish School Board, thereby enlarging its usefulness in the education of the children of his country. After earning the plaudits of the people, rounding out an earnest, useful life, he could have rested from his labors and enjoyed that satisfaction which comes to every man as a reward for duty well performed. But not so with him who saw other fields of usefulness before him. Hearing the "cry from Macedonia" he again applied to, and was admitted into the Louisiana Conference and was assigned work in the Arcadia District as an itinerant preacher, where he remained until he was superannuated in 1903.

Brother Franklin was married to Miss Malissa Conerly in 1856, and, after her death, to Mrs. Martha Tally in 1869. To the first union was born an only son, Dr. J. R. Franklin, and to the latter were given seven children, three of whom, with his son Rolly, preceeded him to the better world. In 1862, knowing no higher patriotism than to consecrate his life to the defense of his country, his home and fireside, he joined the Confederate army, and as a brave soldier fought valiently for a cause he thought just.

He was a kind and indulgent father, a devoted husband, affectionate brother, generous citizen, faithful and unselfish friend; he was unimpeachable in his business transactions and beautiful in his every day life and conduct. In all of the forms of his activity, individual, domestic, social, ecclesiastical or political, he accepted what his mind regarded as true, what his conscience decided was right, what his heart deemed generous and noble, and put all else far from him. Of him it may be truly said, "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'this was a Man.'"

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#### REV. THOMAS H. McCLENDON.

Thomas H. McClendon was of a generation of men we love and honor. The glory of their lives shed a lustre over the closing years of the last century and not infrequently shot its bright text and purest rays from the pulpits of our country churches, and about the hearthstones of the rural home. He was tried as by fire and yet found faithful. No human agency could deflect him from the pathway of duty,

no wile of Satan seems to have been left untried to tempt him. Misfortune and sorrow were his lot, yet he triumphed in the mystery of hidden strength. His was a nature that gathered might from the storm, and sympathy from suffering. Softness and self-indulgence he despised, and the things that lured others, in him only evoked a smile. He died at the Parsonage in Florence, on Sicily Island, the scene of many years of his active ministry, May 16, A. D. 1907. The last hours of his life bore heroic and triumphant testimony of one whose life was hidden in Christ. Unflinching he walked into the shadow of death as a tried traveller seeking a long sought home. His dying testimony was clear and indubitable, until the earthly vision was lost and merged into the heavenly. He died as he had lived, a faithful minister of Jesus Christ and a son of God.

Thomas H. McClendon, the son of Samuel and Mary McClendon, was born in Heard County, Ga., August 20, 1833. He moved with his parents to Alabama in 1837, where he lived till the fall of 1848, when he came to Claiborne Parish, La. His mother was the daughter of Rev. Thomas Cook of Georgia. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at Dudleyville Camp Grounds, at which his father tented for years. He was licensed to preach in 1855 on Homer Circuit, admitted on trial into the Louisiana Conference, December of the same year, and appointed junior preacher to the Natchitoches Circuit with the Rev. C. W. Coursey. The year of 1857 was given to the Dugdemona Circuit. In 1858-59 he served the Winnsboro Circuit. No November 17, 1858, he married Miss H. A. Green, daughter of Rev. Thos. and Mrs. Tabitha R. Green, of Sicily Island, La. He then served the following charges: 1860, Farmersville; 1861, Homer; 1862, Trinity; 1863, Macon; 1864-65, Winnsboro; 1866, Sicily Island and Boeuf Prairie; 1867, Boeuf River; 1868-1869, Winnsboro; 1870, Boeuf Prairie; 1871-72, Sicily Island and Boeuf Prairie; 1873-74, Lind Grove; 1875-76, Floyd; 1877-78, Rayville; 1879-80, Floyd. In 1881-82 he was Presiding Elder of the Shreveport District. In 1883-84-85-86 he served the Harrisonburg and Sicily Island Circuit; 1887, West Monroe; 1888, Lake Providence, 1889, Harrisonburg; 1890, Arcadia; 1891, Tulip; 1892, Vienna; 1893, Vienna and Gannsville; 1894, Linn Grove; 1895, Florence and Oakley; 1896, Vidalia; 1897-98-99, Harrisonburg and Pine Hill; 1900, Gueydan—thus rounding out the closing year of the last century with forty-five years of faithful and efficient itinevant work. He built the Sicily Island and Boeuf Prairie churches, also a parsonage, in 1873. Floyd and Girard each credit him with a parsonage for the years 1877 and 1879.

He died in the midst of his friends and those whom he had lead to life eternal. Just as the sun was setting we laid his body away on the slope of the Pine Hill Church Cemetery, to await the last call of his Lord. His kindly, benign smile no longer beams upon us, his tall form sleeps in the silent city of the dead, his wise counsel is unheard in the congregation of his brethren of the ministry, yet the memory of good wrought and the Christ likeness shown, lingers among us still.

The angelic voice from the Celestial City says again—and yet again—"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest"—aye, they rest, angel of God—"from their labors."

S. J. DAVIES.

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#### REV. CHARLES T. MUHOLLAND.

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Charles T. Munholland was born in Yazoo County, Miss., April 6th, 1841, and died at his son's home (Jno. M. Munholland) in Monroe, La., January 11, 1907. He was sixty-six years and ten months old. He was educated in the common schools in the county where he was born, then finished at Lexington, Ky. He was married to Miss Salome

Rundell, August 21, 1857. She died in 1893, leaving two sons and a daughter. On April 10, 1895, he married Miss Susie May of New Orleans, who survives him. Brother Munholland moved to Louisiana in 1857. In early life he was a merchant, then a farmer, then a pilot.

In 1872, under the ministry of Rev. M. C. Manly, he was soundly converted. For several years he preached as a local preacher. He was admitted on trial into the Louisiana Conference in 1879. He served the Castor Circuit in 1880, Webster Circuit, 1881; Sparta Circuit, 1882-83; Rayville and Girard, 1884-85-86; Floyd Circuit, 1887; West Monroe Circuit, 1888-89-90; Tulip Circuit, 1893; Columbia, 1894; LeCompte Circuit, 1895; Pelican Circuit, 1896; Lower Coast Mission, 1897; New Orleans City Mission, 1898-99; Jeanerette, 1900-1901; Delhi, 1902-03-04; West Monroe, 1905; Mer Rouge, 1906. He endured hardness as a good soldier, and became an acceptable pastor, filling with faithfulness and a good measure of success these appointments. He volunteered and supplied the Lake Providence charge when the epidemic of yellow fever came upon that town during the absence of its pastor. Day and night he ministered to the sick and dying during that dreadful scourge. Brother Munholland, having been trained as a soldier, became a loyal and courageous itinerant minister.

His conversion was an event that transformed him, and his religion was whole-souled and demonstrative in a large measure. His social disposition was permeated with religious fervor and contentment, always accepting the privations of the ministry with confident cheerfulness that was a model. During his illness while he awaited the coming of the end, he repeatedly spoke of his confidence and faith in Christ; of his certainty of passing to a glorious reward. "I am ready and waiting for the messenger," he said. He wrote to his friend and brother in the ministry, "I will soon be at home with my Saviour."

Brother Munholland was one of our most courageous ministers; loyal to every order of his Conference, and the laws of the Church; full of deepest sympathy for those in sorrow or trouble. When superannuated he said, "It is the hardest appointment I ever received." He longed to be still at work. His genial spirit is missed at our annual gatherings. His beaming face, when happy at our Conference love feast, we shall see no more, but his sterling qualities will never be forgotten, and the impress of his character abides with us. Many will rise up in the last day to call him blessed who were saved through his ministry. His was no idle talent, but utilized to the limit of his resources. He spent himself for the advancement of his Lord's Kingdom. All was laid on the altar for service when he entered the ministry and never was there regret, turning aside or looking back after he had put his hand to the plow. He wrought to the best of his ability and the reward of the faithful servant is now the accomplished fact with him. His clear, strong faith, the personal joy over conscious forgiveness of sins, his social, cheerful spirit, full of Christian hope and contentment, and his willing, ready response to the call to fill the hardest circuits in his Lord's service, will abide an example worthy of our emulation. May the gracious comfort of the Holy Spirit be ministered to his loved ones.

S. S. KEENER.

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REV. ROBERT C. GRACE.

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Rev. Robert C. Grace was born near Thomasville, Ga., February 26th, 1857, and died in Ringgold, La., May 13th, 1907.

When about 12 years of age he made a profession of religion at a prayer meeting in his father's house; but in a short time his parents died and he lapsed into sin, and became exceedingly wicked, but was

reclaimed in Lake Providence, La., in the early part of 1886.

He was married to Miss Camelia Hana in 1895 or 1896 (exact date not known by writer), and after her triumphant death was again married to Mrs. Sallie Enochs, of Opelousas, La., in 1901. While few men have been more sorely afflicted in life than he, very few if any have been more fortunate in the selection of a wife than he. He was wedded each time to an intelligent, Christian woman. His widow is desolate now because of his death.

Brother Grace was licensed to preach by the Lake Providence Quarterly Conference September 3, 1888, and for more than eighteen years went forth by authority of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, proclaiming the gospel to fourteen pastoral charges, with an earnestness and zeal surpassed by none and equaled by but few.

Brother Grace's conversion in 1886 was regarded as one of the most remarkable of that period. He never for a moment doubted its genuineness. He was translated "into the marvelous liberty of the children of God," and dwelt in that state every day to the close of his life.

His faith in God never wavered. He literally took God at his word and always received the blessings.

He was a man of prayer. He undertook no enterprise without submitting the matter to God and asking divine guidance.

He was also a man of work. His pastoral charges were frequently in rural districts, in which there was great scarcity of suitable church buildings and parsonages; but by his industry and energy and his influence over the people, the needed buildings sprung up as by magic. Brother Grace was a fearless man. Where duty called he went and as long as duty demanded he remained. His remaining in Tallulah and nursing the yellow fever sufferers in 1905 indicates that beyond doubt. He was a successful man. The minutes of the Conference show that success always attended his efforts in his charges. He served a number of charges that were not regarded as among the best, and yet he always made a good report, and the people desired his return.

Brother Grace's life was above reproach, and he died a peaceful death. He expressed himself frequently during his last illness as being "ready to go." He said he was "not afraid." Thus lived and died one of the best and purest men that I have ever known. I have known men of better education, men more logical and better orators, but I never knew a better, more devoted and a more thoroughly consecrated Christian than was Robert C. Grace. He has gone to live with Jesus and the redeemed, but his works follow him. May Brother Grace's God comfort his bereaved widow, and sustain his afflicted Conference.

THOS. J. UPTON.

## ○ AN ACT OF INCORPORATION.

### An Act to Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyre, J. Sanders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Conference may from time to time see proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name the said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts, receiving



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ALEXANDRIA DIST.— 2 J. T. SAWYER, Presiding Elder.																								
1	Alexandria, First Church	1	218	16	46	265	8	9	1	1	35,000	7,500	1	4,000		400	10,000			2,000	75			
2	Boyce	1	286	14	27	259		5	4	2	4,000		1	1,600			340							
3	Bunkle and White Chapel	1	291	22	18	314	10	14	2	2	5,000		1	1,200			300							
4	Chicot	2	214	17	16	247	11	14	5	6	9,500		1	500		400	1,472			1,000				
5	Colfax and Montgomery	1	128	3		292		1	6	6	5,000	60	1	1,500		76,500	1,650							
6	Columbia	2	296	45	2	338	14	2	4	2	3,500		1	1,800		100	89							
7	Dry Creek	1	130	4		74	1	1	1	1	250		1			200	1							
8	Glenmora	1	360	6	9	146	3	8	4	4		175	1	500			150							
9	Jonesville	3	60	4	2	66		11	4	4	2,000					600	400							
10	LeCompte	2	244	1	7	211	1	2	4	1	2,500		1	3,000	200	250	700			1,000	25			
11	Natchitoches	2	90	1		91		1	1	1	3,000		1	1,200			200			1,750				
12	Olla and Pollock	2	228	16	42	127	16	8	5	5	1,800		1	1,000		200	130							
13	Opelousas	2	216	14	11	231	5	5	2	2	5,000		1	4,000			200			500	4			
14	Pineville	1	352	15	9	375		2	7	5	2,000		1	1,000		325	40							
15	Simmsport	1	160	6	2	149	1	5	5	5	7,500		1	1,000		250	167			1,500				
16	Somerville Circuit	1		11	11		4	2	4	2	1,600	300					250							
17	Tioga	1		6	15	105	2		4	2	2,000													
18	Trout and Jena	3	174	4	28	182		7	2	2	2,500		1	1,350	154	901	10			2,700	26			
19	West Alexandria	1	230	18	24	247	5	7	4	4	5,500					375	147			1,700	21			
Total		9	3,677	223	277	3,719	81	106	69	55	66,150	8,035	15	23,450	354	80,501	16,246			12,150	151			
Total Last Year		9	3,833	225	222	3,921	80	159	70	54	53,400	1,042	13	15,900	500	95,730	4,466			11,250	141			
Increase					55		1			1	12,750	6,993	2	7,550		11,780			900	10				
Decrease			156	2		202		53	1					146		15,229								
ARCADIA DISTRICT— 3 BRISCO CARTER, Presiding Elder.																								
1	Alberta	3	104	16	10	232	9	10	4	1	600					22								
2	Arcadia	1	191	5	9	171			1	1	2,500		1	1,500		800	35			2,500	20			
3	Benton	3	69		8	77			2	1	1,500		1	1,000										
4	Bernice	2	591	12	29	394	12	3	4	4	6,000	450				500	150			2,000	40			
5	Bienville	1	518	30	7	430	20	2	6	5	3,200		1	1,500			350							
6	Cotton Valley	1	333	29	19	189	22		3	2	1,000		1	500		175	60							
7	Gibbsland	1	375	10	42	410	6	4	6	5	4,000		1	1,300		975	500							
8	Haynesville	2	354	28	4	386	16	6	4	4	3,525	100	1	1,300			25							
9	Homer	4	244	6	26	256	4	12	1	1	16,000	4,000	1	2,000		3,200	13,053			7,000	110			
10	Jonesboro	1	118	20	25	126	4	6	4	2	2,200		1	1,500			300							
11	Lanesville	1	491	24	3	300	21	2	3	3	2,500		1	600										
12	Lisbon	1	392	31	7	628	6	5	5	5	4,600		1	800										
13	Minden	3	251	17	58	286	5	12	1	1	20,000	4,800	1	2,000		200	4,661	3	3,000	11,200	93	685		
14	North Bossier	2	164	8	39	211	2	4	4	3	3,200						24							
15	Ringgold	1			3	280	10		5	4	2,500	50	1	900	400		850							
16	Ruston	1	610	14	56	647	6	3	1	1	20,000		1	3,000			3,935			18,500	80			
17	South Bossier	1	307	13	28	345	4	2	4	3	2,250		2	1,000		120	60							
18	Vernon	1	460	7	4	394	4	10	5	3	2,800						212							
19	Vienna	1	330	13	4	328	9		5	5	3,000						210							
20	Winnfield	2	172	6	47	218	5	5	1	1	2,000		1				524							
Total		16	6,074	285	428	6,308	165	86	69	55	103,375	9,400	16	18,900	400	5,970	24,971	3	3,000	41,200	343	685		
Total Last Year		15	4,750	406	475	6,291	297	110	68	58	88,550	9,275	14	18,000		2,077	22,198	1	350	27,700	70			
Increase		1	1,324			117			1		14,825	125	2	900	400	3,893	2,773	2	2,650	13,500	273	685		
Decrease				121	47		132	24		3														
BATON ROUGE DIST.— 3 R. W. TUCKER, Presiding Elder.																								
1	Amite City	2	173	8	19	192	5	8	1	1	2,500		1	2,500	675		1,085			2,500	13			
2	Baker	1	545	27	19	580		29	5	5	4,500			1,000			265							
3	Baton Rouge, First Church	3	254	26	31	303	1	23	1	1	20,000		1	3,000			1,490							
4	Baton Rouge, Second Church	1	193		9	1																		



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MONROE DISTRICT— 1 J. E. DENSON, Presiding Elder.																					
1 Bastrop	2	213	8	1	205	5	3	2	2	9,600	.....	2	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
2 Bonita	2	271	23	1	296	18	7	6	5	4,100	.....	1	1,000	75	.....	1,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3 Brookland	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
4 Downsview	1	588	57	6	382	37	.....	6	6	4,200	.....	1	750	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	
5 Eros	2	240	30	16	297	22	3	4	4	2,400	300	2	1,200	.....	.....	528	.....	600	.....	.....	
6 Farmerville	4	169	26	9	188	11	2	3	3	3,500	365	1	1,000	.....	200	1,550	.....	500	5	.....	
7 Floyd	1	320	5	5	320	5	1	3	3	2,300	.....	1	650	.....	300	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	
8 Gilbert	2	282	6	.....	182	2	.....	3	2	2,300	.....	1	1,000	.....	.....	253	.....	.....	.....	.....	
9 Harrisonburg	2	191	2	9	200	.....	11	4	3	5,000	.....	1	1,300	.....	680	2,740	.....	2,000	25	.....	
10 Lake Providence	2	145	1	5	137	.....	6	1	2	8,000	1,500	1	2,500	.....	.....	140	.....	.....	58	.....	
11 Mer Rouge	1	157	4	12	132	2	.....	2	2	3,750	.....	1	2,500	.....	.....	312	.....	.....	.....	.....	
12 Monroe	1	515	95	105	700	50	6	2	1	32,500	.....	1	8,000	.....	2,600	60	.....	14,200	80	.....	
13 Ouachita	1	.....	14	.....	136	11	.....	5	2	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14 Rayville	1	334	5	31	230	3	.....	5	4	4,500	.....	1	2,500	.....	.....	458	.....	.....	.....	.....	
15 Tallulah	1	.....	.....	.....	95	.....	.....	.....	2	4,500	.....	1	2,000	230	.....	504	.....	2,000	40	.....	
16 Tensas	1	.....	.....	4	116	1	.....	.....	2	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
17 Waterproof	2	124	1	.....	121	1	6	3	2	3,200	.....	1	800	.....	250	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	
18 West Monroe	2	89	12	22	92	5	.....	6	2	1,500	.....	1	600	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
19 Winnsboro	4	254	14	5	267	3	6	4	3	4,400	70	1	1,000	.....	.....	391	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total	8	3,892	303	245	4,096	176	60	58	49	100,750	2,235	18	28,400	305	5,330	9,901	.....	19,300	208	.....	
Total Last Year	9	.....	146	191	3,507	60	59	48	42	90,550	2,110	15	22,300	100	2,700	4,730	.....	22,500	102	.....	
Increase	1	.....	157	54	589	116	1	10	7	10,200	125	3	6,100	205	2,630	4,361	.....	3,200	106	.....	
Decrease	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
NEW ORLEANS DIST.— 1 FRANKLIN N. PARKER, Presiding Elder.																					
1 Algiers	1	284	50	10	326	8	18	1	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	1,900	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	
2 Carrollton	4	165	29	16	189	13	13	1	1	10,000	.....	1	5,500	2,500	.....	.....	.....	6,500	17	.....	
3 Covington	2	277	18	21	160	1	14	1	1	3,500	.....	1	1,200	.....	1,000	65	.....	1,500	50	.....	
4 Donaldsonville	1	.....	.....	10	43	.....	3	2	1	4,000	.....	1	4,000	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
5 Epworth Mission	1	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	3	1	.....	800	600	.....	.....	.....	1,700	281	.....	400	.....	.....	
6 Felicite Street	1	250	7	13	300	.....	7	1	1	35,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,784	427	.....	21,500	50	.....	
7 First Church	3	357	29	70	420	14	8	1	1	100,000	40,000	1	8,500	1,800	10,000	31,624	.....	71,350	52	.....	
8 Garyville	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
9 Louisiana Avenue	1	307	8	18	236	4	4	1	1	30,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	17,200	.....	.....	
10 McDonoghville	1	120	1	10	96	.....	1	4	3	6,000	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,300	11	.....	
11 Parker Memorial	1	156	2	25	163	.....	7	1	1	11,500	3,200	1	4,000	.....	.....	1,644	.....	7,600	3	.....	
12 Plaquemine	3	126	7	2	66	1	11	2	2	5,000	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	179	.....	2,000	.....	.....	
13 Rayne Memorial	1	508	10	46	417	6	7	1	1	60,000	.....	1	8,000	6,000	.....	1,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14 Second Church	1	254	40	35	235	.....	10	1	1	15,000	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300	.....	10,000	50	.....	
15 Slidel	1	100	6	5	110	.....	12	3	2	4,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475	.....	3,000	25	.....	
16 Talisheek	1	130	18	.....	207	3	17	3	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	
17 Tchoupitoulas Mission	1	.....	8	.....	116	.....	3	1	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	3,000	20	240	
18 White Castle	1	122	.....	5	48	1	3	2	1	21,000	.....	1	1,800	.....	.....	2,213	.....	3,700	71	.....	
Total	7	3,256	233	288	3,159	51	141	27	20	316,000	45,800	9	36,400	11,000	34,884	51,543	1	240	151,050	364	
Total Last Year	5	.....	259	242	3,398	65	138	32	20	249,500	45,100	10	20,350	1,800	49,300	49,920	.....	153,000	579	.....	
Increase	2	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	66,500	700	.....	16,050	9,200	.....	1,623	1	240	.....	240	
Decrease	2	.....	26	.....	239	14	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	4,416	.....	.....	1,950	215	.....	
SHREVEPORT DIST.— 1 T. J. WARLICK, Presiding Elder.																					
1 Bon Ami	1	25	25	24	72	5	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
2 Coushatta	2	108	3	10	118	3	5	4	4	6,000	.....	1	2,750	.....	.....	875	.....	2,500	16	.....	
3 De Ridder	1	104	4	29	132	.....	1	1	1	5,000	1,150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500	31	.....	
4 De Sota Mission	1	105	2	.....	114	2	.....	4	4	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
5 Grand Cane	2	145	2	.....	139	2	.....	3	3	6,000	.....	1	2,000	50	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
6 Greenwood	2	170	12	13	152	5	2	2	2	1,200	75	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
7 Hornbeck	1	.....	50	.....	235	.....	7	3	3	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	.....				

TABLE No. 2—EPWORTH LEAGUES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND WOMAN'S WORK.

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NAME OF CHARGE.	EPWORTH LEAGUES.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							W. F. M. S.			W. H. M. S.			Total Collections by Both Women's Societies	Special for Missions
	Number of Senior Leagues	Number of Senior League Members	Number of Junior Leagues	Number of Junior League Members	Total League Members.	Raised by Leagues for Missions	Raised by Leagues for Other Objects	Total Raised by Leagues	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled During Year	Collected for Missions	Collected Children's Day	Collected for Other Objects	Total Raised by Sunday Schools	Number of Societies	Number of Members	Total Money Raised	Number of Societies	Number of Members	Total Money Raised		
MONROE DISTRICT.—																							
Bastrop	1	15	1	10	25	...	...	...	4	12	90	...	...	20	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonita	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brooklyn	1	15	1	10	25	...	...	...	5	15	200	16	...	4	14	...	...	...	1	8	50	50	...
Downsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	26	286	9	22	71	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eros	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	16	76	13	3	78	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Farmerville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	40	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Floyd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	136	...	...	41	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gilbert	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	20	170	5	...	110	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harrisonburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	153	18	6	56	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Providence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	65	11	19	120	150	...	...	...	1	25	219	219	15
Merrouge	1	65	...	...	65	...	...	...	1	12	325	59	...	601	659	1	22	130	...	...	...	130	...
Monroe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	95	...	...	75	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ouachita	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	55	...	...	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rayville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	84	...	...	50	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tallulah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	90	...	...	24	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tensas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	127	...	6	51	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waterproof	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	50	6	10	100	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Monroe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	150	...	4	43	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Winnsboro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2	80	1	10	90	...	...	...	50	241	2257	130	70	1484	1684	1	22	130	2	33	269	399	15
Total last year	2	65	1	26	91	37	36	73	27	149	1396	100	37	809	946	1	20	70	3	52	157	227	...
Increase	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	92	861	30	33	675	738	...	2	40	...	21	112	172	15
Decrease	...	...	...	16	1	37	36	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
NEW ORLEANS DIST.—																							
Algiers	1	35	1	25	60	30	219	249	1	23	195	65	20	129	194	...	...	...	1	23	182	182	...
Carrollton	1	68	1	35	103	140	177	317	1	25	340	44	12	234	290	1	43	221	1	40	193	415	...
Covington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	120	20	...	80	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Donaldsonville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	87	20	...	55	...	...	...	...	2	25	300	300	...
Epworth Mission	1	18	1	20	38	...	...	...	1	8	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Felicity	1	30	...	...	30	15	72	87	1	16	200	50	...	110	160	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First Church	1	43	...	...	43	...	5	5	1	28	235	100	6	213	319	1	27	137	1	48	370	507	50
Garyville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	49	5	...	40	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Louisiana Avenue	1	29	...	...	29	15	105	120	1	22	210	78	12	186	276	...	...	...	1	30	446	446	...
McDonoghville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	70	18	...	33	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parker Memorial	1	25	1	20	20	4	19	23	1	18	233	50	4	112	166	...	...	...	1	32	454	454	...
Plaquemine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	150	21	6	55	82	...	...	...	1	12	162	162	5
Rayne Memorial	1	60	...	...	60	60	150	210	1	36	360	92	18	300	410	2	84	608	1	65	453	1061	...
Second Church	1	56	1	24	80	70	228	298	1	22	384	40	...	272	312	...	...	...	1	20	13	13	...
Slidell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	80	14	...	36	50	...	...	...	2	15	...	...	...
Talisheek	1	52	1	26	78	...	...	...	3	12	182	...	...	18	18	...	...	...	1	36	34	34	...
Tchoupitoulas	1	35	1	26	61	...	...	100	1	6	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	84	84	...
White Castle	1	19	...	...	19	...	20	20	2	13	65	13	...	75	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	12	470	7	176	646	334	1047	1481	28	293	3188	630	78	1948	2561	4	154	966	14	357	2691	3658	85
Total last year	12	352	7	246	598	156	1391	1547	28	298	2652	519	100	1550	2170	7	226	762	15	314	1673	2436	101
Increase	...	100	...	...	48	78	344	66	...	5	536	111	22	398	391	3	72	204	...	43	1018	1222	16
Decrease	...	...	1	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
SHREVEPORT DIST.—																							
Bon Ami	...	...	1	25	25	...	...	...	2	10	65	...	...	30	30	...	...	...	1	10	160	160	...
Coushatta	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	60	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
De Ridder	1	23	...	...	23	...	5	5	1	10	192	9	...	85	94	...	...	...	1	25	130	130	...
De Soto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Cane	...	...	1	36	36	...	...	...	3	17	150	10	20	60	90	1	18	29	...	...	...	29	...
Greenwood	1	30	...	...	30	...	...	...	1	11	94	9	5	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hornbeck	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	19	142	6	...	50	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ida	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	20	250	...	5	50	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keatchie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	26	200	...	7	30	37	1	8	19	...	...	...	19	...
La Chute	...	...	...	...	...	...	...</																

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ALEXANDRIA DIST.—																							
Alexandria, First Church...	225	225	1,500	1,512	20	20	98	98	105	105	105	105	17	46	46	75	75	5	6	6	592	2,807	13,597
Boyce .....	97	97	660	660	11	6	51	15	56	13	56	15	...	26	5	39	15	...	...	1	...	821	6,421
Bunkle and White Chapel ...	135	125	900	832	12	10	58	51	64	52	64	52	...	28	20	44	33	...	...	...	29	1,101	1,588
Chicot .....	119	92	700	545	11	6	48	20	54	30	54	15	10	23	10	36	7	...	...	...	180	917	2,461
Colfax and Montgomery .....	170	111	1,000	652	14	6	74	33	86	38	80	33	...	36	16	55	24	...	...	...	...	919	2,591
Columbia .....	187	153	1,100	901	12	9	58	35	63	41	63	41	...	29	20	35	23	3	...	...	104	1,356	1,482
Dry Creek .....	65	39	385	211	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	256	256
Glenmora .....	56	34	375	231	6	...	32	4	35	20	35	20	...	16	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jonesville .....	110	44	650	262	8	...	41	10	44	10	44	10	...	22	5	30	...	...	...	...	206	321	531
LeCompte .....	121	77	715	453	9	...	43	4	48	40	48	40	...	22	10	33	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Natchitoches .....	65	53	435	347	5	...	28	...	32	32	32	32	...	13	13	21	21	...	...	...	125	759	1,514
Ola and Pollock .....	153	88	900	518	10	3	53	8	57	15	57	15	...	27	3	39	3	...	...	...	193	726	1,019
Opelousas .....	187	187	1,100	1,100	14	14	64	64	70	280	70	70	15	32	32	50	50	3	...	...	524	2,343	2,953
Pineville .....	90	20	600	138	7	...	37	...	41	3	41	...	...	19	...	27	...	...	...	...	125	287	347
Simsport .....	105	100	675	645	10	10	43	43	43	43	43	43	...	19	19	29	29	...	...	...	120	1,115	1,313
Somerville .....	51	6	300	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	42	42
Thoga .....	...	36	...	212	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	258	2,288	...
Trout and Jena .....	173	167	1,150	980	14	10	64	43	70	70	70	70	...	32	16	50	21	...	...	...	220	1,602	1,725
West Alexandria .....	94	80	625	536	7	4	38	21	42	42	42	80	...	19	11	29	17	...	...	...	207	1,000	2,040
Total .....	2,203	1,734	13,770	10,771	150	110	830	481	910	837	904	647	42	409	228	616	337	15	44	30	2,630	17,840	44,363
Total Last Year .....	2,219	1,821	13,101	10,674	139	98	862	480	989	772	743	442	...	338	200	390	232	28	34	32	1,769	17,002	24,236
Increase .....	...	...	669	97	21	12	28	1	...	65	161	205	...	71	28	226	105	...	10	...	861	838	20,127
Decrease .....	16	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	2	...	...	...
ARCADIA DISTRICT.—																							
Alberta .....	57	44	383	329	3	3	25	25	27	27	27	27	...	10	10	15	15	...	1	1	152	633	706
Arcadia .....	180	117	1,200	779	13	7	66	42	70	40	70	40	...	29	16	46	25	...	4	1	750	1,817	1,921
Benton .....	112	102	750	680	10	8	50	50	54	50	54	50	...	22	10	36	14	...	2	2	159	1,183	1,251
Bernice .....	98	77	660	517	9	9	46	23	48	25	48	25	...	20	12	33	17	...	2	2	168	873	1,243
Blenville .....	100	100	800	745	12	6	59	28	61	35	61	30	...	25	12	34	16	...	3	3	...	974	1,374
Cotton Valley .....	68	65	457	457	7	2	36	20	38	10	30	10	...	16	5	25	2	...	1	1	...	522	710
Gibbsland .....	189	116	1,200	783	16	11	66	45	71	60	71	59	...	29	19	47	31	6	3	3	75	1,208	1,908
Haynesville .....	120	112	800	644	12	10	52	42	56	56	56	56	...	22	10	40	20	3	3	3	...	956	1,031
Homer .....	150	150	1,000	1,000	12	12	59	59	61	61	61	61	...	25	25	46	46	...	4	4	...	1,534	15,272
Jonesboro .....	150	166	711	711	5	5	36	36	38	38	38	38	...	16	16	25	25	...	1	1	57	1,034	1,547
Lanesville .....	90	67	600	432	8	4	43	30	43	30	43	25	...	19	10	29	17	...	2	1	100	720	864
Lisbon .....	94	85	630	572	10	10	50	50	54	54	54	54	...	22	22	37	37	5	2	2	16	908	975
Minden .....	225	225	1,500	1,500	22	22	108	108	115	115	115	115	...	48	48	79	79	...	6	6	346	2,564	7,800
North Bossier .....	100	91	662	662	9	3	43	15	44	10	44	22	...	19	7	29	26	...	2	1	150	912	976
Ringgold .....	73	47	490	345	3	2	32	20	32	28	34	21	...	14	9	20	12	...	1	1	486	850	1,336
Ruston .....	270	270	1,800	1,800	24	24	131	131	132	132	132	132	...	57	57	95	95	5	7	7	457	3,110	7,434
South Bossier .....	120	118	825	793	9	6	43	30	44	30	44	30	...	19	12	29	19	2	3	3	...	1,042	1,143
Vernon .....	108	75	650	498	11	8	50	36	54	28	54	28	...	22	12	37	22	10	3	3	...	720	779
Vienna .....	72	42	480	343	4	2	32	16	34	17	34												



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MONROE DISTRICT—																							
Bastrop	105	80	700	600	12	...	60	15	90	1	60	39	...	...	12	21	22	...	3	3	...	789	2,285
Bonita	105	105	700	700	11	8	58	37	61	39	61	39	...	...	19	35	22	...	...	1	...	965	2,285
Brooklyn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	820	...
Downsville	84	84	560	560	13	10	65	15	69	11	69	10	...	20	3	31	3	...	4	1	123	...	1,563
Eros	90	90	600	600	4	4	18	21	22	22	22	22	...	6	6	11	11	...	1	1	98	...	2,715
Farmersville	90	60	600	550	9	6	50	38	51	38	51	39	...	16	12	31	23	...	2	2	309	1,079	573
Floyd	90	62	600	407	8	2	40	8	46	8	46	8	...	14	2	20	4	...	2	1	...	609	1,003
Gilbert	90	71	600	469	7	3	38	10	40	4	40	8	...	13	...	22	...	...	2	1	143	...	4,149
Harrisonburg	105	74	700	572	9	6	50	35	51	32	51	32	...	16	16	31	13	...	...	...	61	1,571	6,954
Lake Providence	150	132	1,000	883	17	8	87	44	92	38	92	40	...	29	14	52	23	...	5	5	383	1,652	2,348
Merrouge	135	135	900	900	16	11	80	80	83	70	83	70	...	26	18	37	12	6	5	...	...	2,650	5,901
Monroe	300	300	2,000	2,000	32	32	160	160	166	166	166	166	...	52	52	95	95	...	10	10	1,950	197	271
Ouchita	60	23	400	158	1	1	4	4	3	3	3	3	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	458	1,806
Rayville	150	150	1,000	1,000	17	8	87	40	92	35	92	35	...	29	15	52	15	...	5	4	...	962	1,500
Tallulah	105	103	700	686	9	9	50	50	51	51	51	28	...	16	13	30	19	...	2	2	...	509	533
Tensas	81	42	550	285	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	436	1,798	2,605
Waterproof	150	142	1,000	950	12	12	60	60	67	67	67	67	...	20	20	38	38	...	3	3	...	887	4,003
West Monroe	90	76	600	524	9	7	50	30	50	30	50	31	...	14	10	31	20	...	2	2	57	1,205	1,643
Winsboro	105	105	700	700	6	2	48	20	57	30	42	20	...	18	10	30	10	1	2	2	305	...	...
Total	2,085	1,834	13,910	12,544	192	129	1,005	622	1,091	651	1,046	626	...	309	204	570	316	12	48	44	4,045	20,886	38,398
Total Last Year	1,740	1,540	11,752	10,344	178	109	792	615	1,030	600	649	425	...	314	179	547	267	8	41	39	2,116	12,350	24,257
Increase	345	294	2,158	2,200	14	20	213	7	61	51	397	201	...	5	25	23	49	4	7	5	1,929	8,536	14,141
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NEW ORLEANS DIST.—																							
Algiers	136	136	800	800	13	13	67	67	69	69	69	69	...	24	24	48	48	...	3	3	165	1,405	2,556
Carrollton Ave.	136	168	800	989	13	13	67	67	70	70	69	69	...	24	24	48	48	50	3	3	2,016	3,519	4,497
Covington	170	85	1,000	600	11	5	62	25	76	15	58	20	...	21	8	35	10	1	...	1	150	220	1,020
Donaldsonville	170	170	1,000	1,000	16	15	84	20	87	18	87	20	...	29	10	47	15	...	4	2	...	1,270	3,145
Epworth Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Felicity	204	204	1,200	1,200	20	20	101	101	104	104	104	104	...	36	36	73	73	7	5	5	1,869	3,723	4,399
First Church	391	391	2,300	2,300	38	38	193	193	202	252	202	202	...	67	67	138	138	15	9	9	2,511	6,116	38,623
Garyville	...	...	900	900	...	...	...	19	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	924	969
Louisiana Ave.	170	170	1,000	1,000	16	17	84	84	88	88	88	88	...	30	30	60	60	12	4	4	695	2,248	3,090
McDonoghville	60	50	350	250	6	3	29	14	31	15	31	15	...	10	5	21	10	1	1	1	560	924	1,009
Parker Memorial	170	120	1,000	705	16	16	84	84	88	88	88	88	...	29	29	60	60	...	4	4	327	1,521	3,527
Piaquemine	175	104	1,000	616	16	2	84	36	87	36	87	25	...	29	10	12	5	...	4	2	177	925	1,360
Rayne Memorial	510	510	3,000	3,000	49	50	253	253	264	264	264	264	160	87	88	179	181	...	12	12	3,000	7,789	9,258
Second Church	136	122	800	715	13	13	67	68	69	69	69	69	...	24	25	48	48	7	3	3	549	1,782	15,355
Slidell	64	37	311	241	8	2	42	15	44	18	44	18	...	14	6	30	4	...	2	1	225	567	1,117
Talisheek	...	32	300	240	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	402
Tchoupitoulas Mission	...	15	100	125	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149	149
White Castle	...	106	900	684	...	10	...	30	...	40	...	25	...	...	20	...	10	3	...	1	41	970	3,446
Total	2,492	2,420	16,761	15,365	235	233	1,217	1,085	1,279	1,151	1,260	1,076	160	424	382	799	710	96	54	51	12,285	34,356	93,922
Total Last Year	2,048	2,172	12,101	13,790	170	175	914	888	1,171	1,127	899	850	...	324	359	534	505	107	36	36	9,754	29,490	97,570
Increase	444	248	4,660	1,575	65	58	303	197	108	24	361	226	...	100	23	265	205	...	18	15	2,531	4,866	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	3,548
SHREVEPORT DIST.—																							

and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable purposes as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual session, either by donation or purchase.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the city of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The president and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation, provided that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

ROBT. C. WICKLIFFE,

President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1885.

A true copy:

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P. G. HEBERT,

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#### **P. SECRETARY'S REPORT WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.**

Districts, 7; adult auxiliaries, 34; adult members, 737; organized during the year, 5; juvenile and young people auxiliaries, 7; juvenile and young people members, 288. Total number of members, 1,025. Life members, 41; honorary life patrons, 2; Bible women supported, 6; scholarships supported, 10; subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate, 301; subscribers to Little Worker, 181.

Two missionaries are supported in the foreign field, both being located in Brazil, Miss Helen Johnson, of Opelousas, and Miss Ada Parker, of New Orleans.

The following societies have been organized during 1907: Amite Juveniles, 12 members; West Monroe, 13 members; New Orleans, Carrollton Ave. Young People, 9 members; Coushatta, 7 members; and the Young People Auxiliary at Amite has been reorganized.

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